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Wimberger Praises Supreme Court Decision Upholding Legislative Oversight

MADISON—Senator Eric Wimberger (R-Green Bay) issued the following statement after the Wisconsin Supreme Court ruled that Governor Tony Evers exceeded his authority by issuing multiple states of emergency without extension by the legislature:

"This is the correct decision by the court. While there are times in which the public interest requires emergency government action, it must be limited in duration and scope. State statute makes this clear, when it says that the Governor's state of emergency may last no longer than 60 days unless approved by the legislature. To have allowed perpetual, new states of emergency would have made a mockery of a plain reading of statute. Justice Hagedorn's opinion sums it up perfectly: 'The question in this case is not whether the governor acted wisely; it is whether he acted lawfully'."