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## Rep. Plumer Votes to Support Law Enforcement

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**MADISON, WI** – Rep. Plumer (R – Lodi) joined his Republican colleagues in the Wisconsin State Assembly to pass a package of bills on Tuesday to support law enforcement agencies in Wisconsin.

"Our local law enforcement has faced many difficulties over the last few years," Rep. Plumer said. "I think it's essential that we do all that we can to support them."

The number of law enforcement officers in Wisconsin is at the lowest point in decade, being driven in large part due to significant increases in retirements and resignations. Unfortunately, this decrease in officers and deputies has come at the same time that violent crime is on the rise in our state. Wisconsin has seen a 9 percent increase in violent crime and the City of Milwaukee just broke its homicide record for the second year in row.

The package of the bills that passed the legislature uses approximately \$25 million from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to fund recruitment and retention incentives, training programs, and equipment purchases.

"It is my hope that this legislation will help law enforcement agencies in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Assembly District and across the state to have the resources and staffing that they need to serve our communities."

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