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## **Legislators Demand Action from Froedtert Following Denial of Care to Milwaukee Police Officer**

**Madison, WI** — Concerned legislators, led by Senators Julian Bradley (New Berlin) and Van Wanggaard (Racine) and Representatives Jim Piwowarczyk (Hubertus) and Bob Donovan (Greenfield) issued an urgent call for action today to Froedtert Hospital leadership following disturbing reports that an on-duty police officer was denied medical care at a Froedtert facility simply because he was carrying his department-issued firearm.

The letter also points to broader concerns that Froedtert policies may be limiting officers' ability to interact with victims, suspects, and witnesses within their facilities—effectively restricting law enforcement from doing their jobs and sending a chilling message to officers statewide.

"This latest incident appears to be part of a pattern of behavior on the part of Froedtert," noted Sen. Bradley. "It cannot be allowed to continue. They need to reverse any policies that discriminate against our police."

"I am outraged that any hospital in Wisconsin would treat our law enforcement so unprofessionally and with so little respect," added Rep. Piwowarczyk. "It is simply inexcusable. Perhaps it's time to question their DEI policies and the public funding they receive."

The legislators condemned the incident as "indefensible" and "dangerous," warning that it undermines public safety and reflects a troubling pattern of hostility toward law enforcement.

"The presence of police officers makes places safer not more dangerous," said Sen. Wanggaard. "Froedtert's alleged treatment of armed police officers legitimizes the false narrative and just-plain-wrong anti-police rhetoric that police are reckless vigilantes looking to hurt people."

"I'm thoroughly disgusted at the irresponsible, anti-cop sentiment that has infiltrated this hospital for far too long," noted Rep. Donovan. "The leaders need to be called on the carpet and taxpayer funds should be withheld if this continues."

The legislators are calling on Froedtert to:

- Publicly apologize to the officer involved;
- Reverse any policy that led to denial of care based on the officer's uniform or equipment;
- Clarify policies that appear to restrict officers' presence or duties on-site; and
- Implement guidelines that affirm support for law enforcement in healthcare settings.

The legislators have requested a response from Froedtert.

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