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*Hand Delivered*

Senator Alberta Darling  
Co-chairperson, Joint Finance Committee  
Room 317 East  
Wisconsin State Capitol

Representative John Nygren  
Co-chairperson, Joint Finance Committee  
Room 309 East  
Wisconsin State Capitol

Senator Darling and Representative Nygren:

On July 15, 2019, the Department of Administration submitted a request to the Joint Finance Committee aimed at providing assistance to homeless individuals and families. Specifically, funds are needed to fulfill the homelessness initiatives recommended by the Interagency Council on Homelessness's 2019-2020 Statewide Action Plan, including funding housing grants and loans, shelter for homeless grants, and other program operations and services.

Winter struck hard and early this year, including early and heavy snowfall for much of the state. The proposal was sent to the Joint Finance Committee in July, specifically to avoid the current situation. The Wisconsinites most vulnerable to the harsh winter are going without the services and assistance they desperately need during the coldest months of the year.

Despite the great urgency and real need, the Joint Finance Committee has yet to act on either of these requests. Therefore, pursuant to Section 13.10(1) of the Wisconsin Statutes, I am calling on the Joint Finance Committee to convene a special meeting on December 19<sup>th</sup> at 2pm to consider and act upon this vital request.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tony Evers'.

Tony Evers  
Governor  
State of Wisconsin

cc: Brian Pahnke, Department of Administration  
Robert Lang, Legislative Fiscal Bureau