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PRESIDENT
WISCONSIN STATE SENATE

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Dear Colleagues,

As our state government works to ensure the health and safety of residents across Wisconsin, I want to make you aware, at the request of the Majority Leader, of additional measures the State Senate may need to take in order to convene session in the near term.

The current COVID-19 pandemic meets the statutory definition under Section 13.42 to allow a virtual meeting of the State Senate. Several contingencies are under consideration at this time, therefore it is your responsibility to travel with your state-issued laptop so that it is accessible from your home. The state-issued laptop remains the best option for each member to use in a virtual session.

As contingency plans evolve, the Legislative Technology Services Bureau (LTSB) will contact members individually to ensure that their laptop is equipped to connect and operate remotely for the purpose of a virtual session.

In the event that a virtual session of the State Senate is scheduled, further information will be sent to you about the procedures to follow during session, as well as instructions from LTSB about logging in, communicating, and accessing information during the session.

The legislature's support staff are working diligently to ensure that the functions of the legislature will continue uninterrupted during this time of unprecedented and rapidly changing events. I ask for your patience and understanding if adjustments are made to our typical way of conducting business.

If you have questions regarding this process, feel free to contact me directly. I will be forthcoming with more information as it becomes available.

Sincerely,

Roger Roth
Senate President