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Office of the Governor | State of Wisconsin

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Dear President Donald J. Trump:

I write today with regard to recent memoranda issued by your administration through the Office of Management and Budget, including M-25-13, which aims to unilaterally force all federal agencies to stop nearly all federal assistance and grant and loan funding that support kids, families, and communities in Wisconsin and across our country.

The most recent memo apparently issued late Monday, January 27, attempts to direct all federal agencies to almost immediately suspend “*all activities related to obligation or disbursement of all Federal financial assistance*” (emphasis provided). According to the memo, beginning at 5 p.m. ET on Tuesday, January 28, the Trump Administration will begin indefinitely withholding federal tax dollars from Wisconsin that were already approved by the U.S. Congress, leaving billions sitting in Washington, D.C. that help kids, families, and businesses in Wisconsin and across America every day. The memorandum also provides no indication as to when the federal government will resume payments on affected funding but suggests this suspension may continue for weeks, at minimum.

With very few details and specifics available, virtually no time for ample review and consideration, and no direct communication to date, states are left to plan for the worst, and Wisconsinites and millions of Americans who are rightfully alarmed and concerned by this unprecedented decision are left scrambling.

I have consistently said that I will work with anyone who is willing to do the right thing for the people of Wisconsin—that remains my commitment. I am also deeply concerned that these actions could have disastrous consequences for the people of Wisconsin and our state. These benefits and investments—many of which were undoubtedly approved with bipartisan support by the U.S. Congress—are the law. Although we may disagree on many issues, we should be able to agree that following the law is critically important.

I write today to ask your administration to provide immediate guidance, information, and clarification for how these memoranda will impact federal support that goes to kids, families, communities, and states. Until that time, I further ask that you delay implementation of these memoranda, especially the memorandum issued yesterday, to give meaningful time for thorough and thoughtful review and feedback from all those who may be directly impacted by suspending federal funding that the U.S. Congress has already approved and on which so many depend.

I urge you to please follow the law and reconsider this decision.

Respectfully yours,

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

Tony Evers
Governor