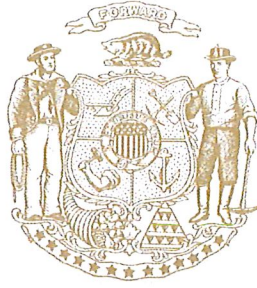

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Dear Jan Krueger and ADRC of Marquette County staff,

The COVID-19 pandemic has reminded us that each person's health depends on the health of our communities. It has highlighted the many challenges we face in Wisconsin to ensure that everyone can be as healthy as possible. Racism and systemic barriers (such as lack of access to quality health care, job opportunities, housing, and transportation) have made Wisconsinites of color, members of tribal nations, those living in rural areas, and others facing historic disadvantage more vulnerable to COVID-19. Older people, and people living with disabilities, have faced particular challenges due to unique risks from the virus itself, and the isolation that staying safe has required.

Aging and disability resource centers (ADRCs) have been essential to our state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. ADRCs have played a vital role, from adapting to challenging circumstances without disrupting access to services, to supporting our efforts to make the COVID-19 vaccine accessible to everyone in our state. Your ADRC has been there to meet the needs of so many, including many of the most vulnerable Wisconsinites. It has been hard work, and we want to thank you and the entire staff of your ADRC for all that you have done.

The work of COVID-19 response and recovery in Wisconsin continues to rely on organizations like yours. We could not do this without your expertise and insights. Your team of trusted messengers has brought timely and credible information to your communities and made vaccine available in trusted locations. Your committed staff have helped individuals continue to get the information and access to care that they need.

Simply put, thank you. Thank you for your hard work. Thank you for your investment in your community. Thank you to your staff, volunteers, and partners. Thank you for your commitment and dedication to meeting the needs of your community throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and the challenges it has brought over the past two years. We appreciate everything you have done and continue to do, and for clearly demonstrating that we are truly better together.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Tony Evers in black ink.

Tony Evers
Governor

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