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TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY:

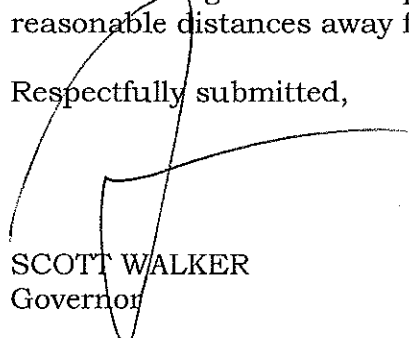
I have approved Assembly Bill 539 as 2017 Wisconsin Act 184 and have deposited it in the Office of the Secretary of State. I have exercised the partial veto in Section 20, as it relates to s. 980.08 (4) (dm) 1. (intro), and Section 26, as it relates to s. 980.08 (4) (dm) 1. a., b. and c.

Assembly Bill 539 makes changes related to the supervised release and representation of sexually violent persons and creates an appropriation. Among other changes, this bill eliminates distance limits for the placement of sexually violent persons. Namely, the bill eliminates the requirement that a placement be at least 1,500 feet away from any school premises, child care facility, public park, place of worship or youth center. In the case of persons who have committed a sexually violent offense against an at-risk adult or an at-risk elder, the bill also eliminates the requirement that a placement must be at least 1,500 feet from a nursing home or assisted living center. In the case of a serious child sex offender, the bill eliminates the requirement that a placement is not on a property adjacent to a property where a child's primary residence exists.

I have exercised the partial veto in Section 20, as it relates to s. 980.08 (4) (dm) 1. (intro), and Section 26, as it relates to s. 980.08 (4) (dm) 1. a., b. and c., because I object to a policy that eliminates current law provisions requiring that residential options be a specific distance from any school premises, child care facility, public park, place of worship or youth center. I also object to persons who have committed sexually violent offenses against at-risk adults or at-risk elders being placed closer to a nursing home or assisted living facility beyond current law. I also object to serious child sex offenders being placed closer to a child's primary residence beyond current law.

With this veto, the process of placing sexually violent persons can be improved while not weakening current law protections that keep sexually violent persons at reasonable distances away from vulnerable populations.

Respectfully submitted,


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Governor