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NELSON STATEMENT ON LONG-TERM CARE PROPOSAL

APPLETON, WI – In light of the Joint Finance Committee’s scheduled meeting to take action on ADRCs, FamilyCare, IRIS, and related long-term care programs, Outagamie County Executive Tom Nelson reiterated his long-standing position to retain these programs in their current form.

“From the beginning, I have insisted changes to ADRCs, FamilyCare, IRIS and FamilyCare Partnership were bad for Wisconsin. The outpouring of support from the citizens of Outagamie County and around the state demonstrates a strong consensus in favor of these innovative and cost-effective programs. Preserving ADRCs, FamilyCare, IRIS and FamilyCare Partnership means removing any proposed changes to them from the budget and leaving them alone. It is frustrating for so many families that these old battles must be re-fought every two years. There is no reason to fix the unbroken. I appreciate the attention legislators and specifically Joint Finance Committee members have given to this issue but follow-through is crucial. The well-being of so many depends on these programs.”

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