



WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE

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U.S. Representative Scott Fitzgerald
2444 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Fitzgerald,

As members of the Wisconsin State Legislature within Wisconsin's 5th Congressional District, **we call on you to fulfill your constitutional role as a check and balance on executive overreach and take concrete action to protect the voices of your constituents.**

In the wake of the second Trump administration, our offices have received innumerable constituent complaints. They are terrified by the constant chaos and confusion. They are infuriated by Republican cowardice and compliance in the face of relentless attacks against the Constitution — the very bedrock of our nation. We are seeing firsthand the very real consequences of these actions on American democracy.

These attacks put the health of thousands of constituents in CD-5 in jeopardy. In your district, there are nearly 80,000 people that rely on Medicaid. Of them, 36% are children. Stripping away their only source of affordable coverage, without any proven alternative, is not only irresponsible — it is reprehensible.

The administration's recent policies don't just harm children's health and well-being, but their education is at stake too. Thousands of Wisconsin kids rely on federal support programs, especially those in rural areas, many of whom are low-income and/or have special needs. Eliminating the Department of Education would irreparably harm these students and your constituents.

Moreover, programs like Head Start, which provide consistent, affordable, quality childcare are on the chopping block. Without federal funding, the four Head Start facilities in CD-5 are likely to significantly reduce services or shut their doors entirely. This hurts children and working families that are already struggling from rising costs due to tariffs and unchecked executive overreach.

We should all be able to agree that all Wisconsin children and families deserve access to health care, education, and basic human dignity. Your constituents deserve leadership that's rooted in compassion and accountability. **As our member of Congress, we implore you to take a stand and prioritize the health, education, and dignity of the people you were elected to represent.**

Respectfully,

WI State Representative Joan Fitzgerald, *District 46*
WI State Representative Karen Kirsch, *District 7*
WI State Senator Melissa Ratcliff, *District 16*
WI State Representative Angelito Tenorio, *District 14*
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