



# Tony Evers

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Deputy Secretary Randy Romanski  
2811 Agriculture Drive  
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Deputy Secretary Romanski,

Thank you for your willingness to serve as the interim Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. As we are in the midst of rising trade tensions on the federal level, a growing dairy crisis that is threatening family farms across the state and a majority party determined to hinder our ability to solve problems, your commitment to this work is admirable.

The work that you and former Secretary-designee Pfaff have done at the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection is commendable. The farmers and agricultural stakeholders who have voiced their commitment to agency leadership is a testament to that work and your institutional knowledge will serve the agency well. I trust your ability to lead the agency during these times of political retaliation and uncertainty.

Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute § 15.04(2), upon the absence of the Secretary it is your duty as Deputy Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection to exercise the powers, duties and functions of the Secretary. Thus, in accordance with Wisconsin Statute § 15.04(2), I hereby direct you to represent the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection as interim Secretary pending the appointment of Secretary-designee Pfaff's successor.

Sincerely,

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

Tony Evers  
Governor