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To the Honorable Members of the Assembly:

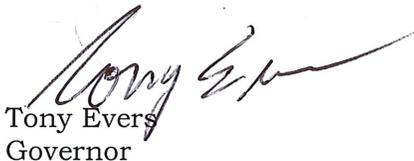
I am vetoing Assembly Bill 673 in its entirety.

This bill would prohibit any medical facility or research facility in Wisconsin from using a genetic sequencer, operational software, or research software used for genetic analysis that is produced in or by: a foreign adversary as defined in the bill; a company organized within the borders of a country that is a foreign adversary; or an owned or controlled subsidiary or affiliate of a company domiciled within the borders of a country that is a foreign adversary. In addition, the bill would prohibit any medical facility, research facility, company, or nonprofit organization from storing any human genome sequencing data of a Wisconsin resident at a location within the borders of a country that is a foreign adversary.

I am vetoing this bill in its entirety because I object to the Wisconsin State Legislature's ongoing efforts to undermine the University of Wisconsin System and the Board of Regents by inserting itself into the daily decision making on University of Wisconsin campuses.

Further, I do not object to the general intent of this bill; however, I am vetoing this bill in its entirety because I do object to the unintended consequences this bill may have on Wisconsin's research and medical facilities. The University of Wisconsin System has indicated that the restrictions in the bill as drafted could impact the ability to secure research awards and may also interfere with the ability to participate in multi-institution or international research collaborations or industry partnerships. Further, the language of the bill is so broad that stakeholders have raised concerns that it could prohibit doing business with any company that has business operations within foreign countries. Many major U.S. corporations also have divisions or subsidiaries that operate within foreign countries. The lack of clarity on the status of these businesses under this proposed legislation could significantly impact the ability of medical and research facilities in the state to operate.

Respectfully submitted,


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Governor