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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Honorable Members of the Senate:

I am vetoing Senate Bill 405 in its entirety.

This bill would create a civil cause of action against a healthcare provider who performs a gender transition procedure, as defined in the bill.

My promise has always been that I will veto any bill that makes Wisconsin a less safe, less inclusive, and less welcoming place for LGBTQ people and kids. It has been my honor to keep that promise over the course of two terms as governor, and I am proud to deliver on that promise again today.

I am vetoing this bill in its entirety because I object to restricting medical professionals like physicians from providing evidence-based and medically appropriate care to their patients, restricting parents from making decisions with physicians to ensure their kids receive the healthcare they need, and preventing patients from receiving that basic, life-saving care. Healthcare providers should be trusted to provide medically appropriate and accurate information, treatment, and care for their patients without the unnecessary political interference of politicians. Gender-affirming care is recognized by most major medical associations as the evidence-based treatment for transgender and gender-nonconforming youth with gender dysphoria. The American Medical Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Psychological Association and the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry have all stated that gender-affirming care saves lives.

Finally, and importantly, I am vetoing this bill in its entirety because it fails to comport with our Wisconsin values. We teach our kids to treat each other with kindness, respect, empathy, and compassion—and we expect adults to lead by example. LGBTQ Wisconsinites and Americans should be able to be safe, be treated with dignity and respect, and be welcomed and accepted for who they are without fear of violence, harassment, or persecution. While the federal government and other states across this country may give way to anti-LGBTQ hate, here in Wisconsin, we will continue to decline to do the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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