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April 8, 2026

To the Honorable Members of the Assembly:

I am vetoing Assembly Bill 1027 in its entirety.

This bill requires the Department of Health Services to provide to the U.S. Department of Agriculture information regarding enrollment in the food stamp program (FoodShare) at the frequency and in the format required by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Specifically, the department must compile and share with the federal Food and Nutrition Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture all data required by the U.S. Department of Agriculture as set forth in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's letter to state agency directors dated July 23, 2025, regarding individuals who have received, are currently receiving or have applied to receive FoodShare benefits since January 1, 2020, and to submit the data as soon as possible, but no later than 6 months after the effective date of the provision. The U.S. Department of Agriculture has informed states that participant data includes, but is not limited to names, dates of birth, addresses, Social Security numbers, data records used to determine eligibility or ineligibility, and the total dollar value of benefits each recipient received through the program.

I am vetoing this bill in its entirety because I object to sharing Wisconsin's most sensitive personal data, including their Social Security numbers, without the federal government having to meaningfully demonstrate how Wisconsin's personal data will be appropriately secured, will not be able to be accessed by broad swaths of federal employees, and will not be shared inappropriately both within and outside of the federal government.

Unfortunately, the Trump Administration under current President Donald J. Trump has reportedly abused its access to Americans' and Wisconsin's personal information on several occasions. As just one recent example, the Washington Post published a report on March 10, 2026, of a whistleblower accusing the Trump Administration of giving access to highly sensitive agency databases to a former Social Security Administration employee who allegedly took Americans' personal data with them when the employee left the administration to take a job with a private, third-party employer. If true, the allegations represent a gross—and perhaps even illegal—betrayal of the American public and a massive security breach potentially affecting tens of millions of Americans.

Moreover, Wisconsin is among the twenty-one states and the District of Columbia that filed a lawsuit in *State of California et al. v. USDA et al.* challenging the lawfulness of the federal government's demands and the ability for the U.S. Department of Agriculture to withhold significant amounts of FoodShare administrative funding from states if they fail to comply. A federal court has repeatedly held the states are likely to prevail on their claim that federal law prohibits states from sharing the information USDA demands, and that USDA's demands are

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likely contrary to law. The court also preliminarily blocked the July 23, 2025 demand letter this bill references, as well as USDA's subsequent demands. This litigation remains ongoing. Thus, in addition to my concerns about Wisconsinites' privacy and protecting access to their most sensitive personal information, I cannot sign a bill that would direct our state to comply with a potentially unlawful demand.

Therefore, for these reasons, I must veto this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Tony Evers  
Governor