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D E A N O F T H E A S S E M B L Y

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Ms. Jennifer Donnelly, Director
Wisconsin Office of State Employment Relations
P.O. Box 7855
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Dear Ms. Donnelly,

Thank you for your reply to my letter of last month inquiring into the status of contract negotiations with the State Engineering Association. I appreciate the alacrity and detail with which you wrote. However, yet another month has gone by with no progress on the issue, and I remain concerned.

Recently, I met with members of the SEA to discuss the situation. They informed me that they would like to agree with OSER to enter into the Mediation and Fact-Finding processes provided for in Wisc. Stat. §111.87 and §111.88. I am writing to request that you make such an agreement with them. They have now been working over 22 months without a contract, and it certainly seems that the "deadlock" condition in the fact-finding provision has been met. It also would seem that these processes are, by design, quite fair, and that each party should desire to employ them to bring this situation to a quick and equitable resolution. I believe that this is a good-faith effort being made by the SEA, and our state would behoove itself to respond in kind.

Please inform me of your plan of action on this request, and let me know if there is anything else I can do to promote a resolution.

Sincerely,

Marlin Schneider
State Representative
72nd Assembly District

CC: Ron Becker

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"Your representative owes you, not his industry only, but his judgment; and he betrays, instead of serving you, if he sacrifices it to your opinion." Edmund Burke Nov. 3, 1774
