



**TO:** Members of the Senate Committee on Licensing, Constitution and Federalism

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**RE:** Please Support Executive Appointment of Mr. Daniel Hereth, as Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services

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The Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) supports the Executive Appointment of Secretary-designee Daniel Hereth, as Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS). MCW thanks Chairman Andre Jacque, and the members of the Senate Committee on Licensing, Constitution and Federalism, for considering Secretary-designee Hereth's nomination, and respectfully requests your support for his Senate confirmation.

MCW is a growing health sciences institution dedicated to excellence in education, patient care, research, and community engagement. MCW's educational offerings serve approximately 1,615 students across the School of Medicine, the School of Graduate Studies and the School of Pharmacy. MCW's 1,780 physicians and 905 advanced practice providers deliver more than 5.1 million patient visits annually. MCW is Wisconsin's largest private research enterprise, with \$337 million invested in research, teaching, training and related purposes; ranking as a Top 100 Research University in the nation.

MCW appreciates the opportunity to share the proactive collaboration Secretary-designee Hereth and his team continue to demonstrate. The Secretary-designee and his staff have visited MCW, on more than one occasion, to learn more about how the licensing process interfaces with providers within MCW's clinical enterprise, as well as students and graduates of MCW's educational programs. His commitment to streamlining licensing and credentialing in Wisconsin is also appropriately balanced with the importance of protecting the public safety; important goals shared by MCW.

As a result of these ongoing discussions, the Secretary-designee has taken proactive steps to innovate in Wisconsin, providing statewide benefit. As one example, the LicenseE Educator Access Portal is a new tool enabling Wisconsin higher education institutions to engage directly with DSPS to facilitate the occupational licensing process for their students. MCW anticipates this new tool will create significant benefit for graduates of the MCW School of Medicine, MCW School of Pharmacy, and MCW School of Graduate Studies; allowing graduates to become licensed more quickly and efficiently; ensuring a smooth transition from education to clinical practice.

Please support Secretary-designee Hereth's appointment as Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services. Please contact me at 414.955.8588, or [nberken@mcw.edu](mailto:nberken@mcw.edu), if you have any questions or would like additional information.