



The Wisconsin State Legislature

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Dear Senator Kedzie and Rep. Mursau:

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If you share the public's discontent, we ask that you also join us in calling on Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen to conduct a full investigation into political interference with science-based law enforcement as reported by the Wisconsin State Journal.

This follows on the [Wisconsin State Journal story](#) showing a more than 50% decline in enforcement actions over the last year.

We are open to any productive discussion with you on how to help restore integrity to our Department of Natural Resources and sincerely hope for your cooperation.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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