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STATE REPRESENTATIVE • 28TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

February 14, 2017

Governor Scott Walker
115 East – State Capitol
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Governor Walker,

This letter is in response to Senator Erpenbach's letter asking you direct DSPS to follow the recommendations of the Electrical Advisory Council related to ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCI) and arc fault circuit interrupters (AFCI).

As a volunteer firefighter and someone who objects to more regulatory barriers that add to the cost of a new home, I respectfully request that you decline Senator Erpenbach's request. Because of my time as a volunteer firefighter, I take fires seriously. However, this would be just another unnecessary regulation on hard working taxpayers. The draft electrical code being considered by DSPS already contains GFCI and AFCI devices which will keep Wisconsin families safe while not unnecessarily increasing housing costs.

There is an inference if these devices are not mandated that homes will not be safe. That is flawed logic and it is not backed up by the data. It is also worth noting that consumers have the option now or in the future to expand the use of these devices if they so choose.

Thank you for taking my thoughts on this matter into consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of Adam Jarchow, consisting of a stylized 'A' followed by a long horizontal line.

Rep. Adam Jarchow