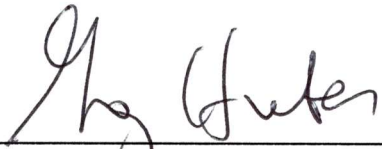


**ORDER APPROVING REPEAL
Of
OPERATIONAL PLAN IN TAYLOR COUNTY**

Pursuant to the Wisconsin Supreme Order dated May 21, 2021, and at the request of the Hon. Ann Knox-Bauer, Presiding Judge in Taylor County, for the repeal of Taylor County's July 29th, 2020 Operational Plan as being in the best interest of the Circuit Court of Taylor County, it is hereby ordered that the Operational Plan is repealed.

Effective this 25th day of May, 2021.



Hon. Greg Huber
Chief Judge, 9th Judicial District

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May 24, 2021

Re: Recinding of COVID-19 Operational Plan

Dear Judge Huber:

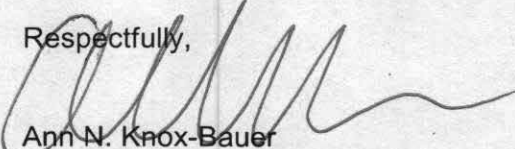
Please be advised that in accordance with the Supreme Court's order today, I am requesting the rescinding of Taylor County's Operational Plan for the Safe Resumption of In-person Proceedings and Jury Trials in Taylor County, WI.

The rescinding of the Operational Plan is in Taylor County's best interests in order to return to the normalcy of court proceedings that are unfettered by wearing masks, social distancing and sanitizing mandates. The COVID-19 cases in Taylor County have dwindled to nine, with no hospitalizations, and nearly a quarter of Taylor County residents have been fully vaccinated.

The liberty interests of litigants and citizens are best served without the interference of distance and mask-wearing which detracts from their substantive rights, and without the suspension of timeframes established by the legislature. Other government leaders in Taylor County agree with this assessment, as the county board, in consultation with the health and emergency government departments, has already eased the restrictions on physical space, access to the courthouse and mask-wearing.

The rescission of the Operational Plan would not interfere with the court's ability to quickly re-implement the Plan in the event of rising COVID-19 numbers, or a variant outbreak. In addition, the common-sense measures of hand-washing, hygiene and sanitizing will continue to be encouraged. Should an individual wish to wear a mask, the presiding official may allow on a case-by-case basis, depending on the person's role in the courtroom. In addition, remote means will continue to be used the by court on a case-by-case basis.

Respectfully,


Ann N. Knox-Bauer
Circuit Court Judge