

## Collaboration Is Not A Dirty Word

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***Senator Smith writes about Governor Evers' latest call for the Legislature to convene in special session to address Wisconsin's childcare crisis and workforce shortage.***

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MADISON - A call for a special session is a constitutional privilege of the Governor, invoked when the legislature fails to address an urgent priority. Last week, Governor Tony Evers called a special session for September 20<sup>th</sup>, a response to the gigantic holes Republicans left when they gutted the Governor's budget this summer.

When partisan politics cloud the judgment of the legislature, calling a special session is often the Governor's only available option. This power allows the Governor to do something when the legislature fails to act and give the legislature one more chance to do the right thing.

The current leaders of our legislature have time and again ignored the needs and the will of the people of Wisconsin. Legislative Republicans have pursued an oppositional strategy against the Governor who is from the opposite party, regardless of his decisive statewide win. If an idea comes from a Democrat, no matter the potential it has, Republicans won't consider it. This is what has happened as a result of gerrymandering legislators into safe districts, where they don't have to worry about significant opposition.

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