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Republicans reject gubernatorial cabinet nominee for the first time in modern state history. Governor calls it "political B.S."

MADISON — Senate Republicans voted Tuesday to fire Gov. Tony Evers' Wisconsin Dept. of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP) cabinet appointment, Brad Pfaff, leaving Wisconsin's leading agricultural agency without its top leader in the midst of rising trade tensions on the federal level and a growing dairy crisis that is threatening family farms across the state.



Republicans ignored pleas from [farmers and agriculture stakeholders](#) who expressed their broad, continued support for Pfaff after learning Republicans were poised to reject Pfaff's nomination. Not a single Republican Senator voted to confirm Pfaff as DATCP secretary. Republicans' vote today is [the first time in modern Wisconsin history](#) that the Wisconsin State Senate has rejected a gubernatorial cabinet nominee.

Gov. Evers released the following statement in response to Republicans' actions:

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