



September 21, 2023

The Honorable Robert Cowles
Wisconsin State Senate
PO Box 7882
Madison, WI 53707

The Honorable Van Wanggaard
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RE: AAFA Support of SB444

Dear Senator Cowles and Senator Wanggaard,

On behalf of the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America (AAFA), the leading patient organization advocating for people with asthma and allergies, and the oldest asthma and allergy patient organization in the world, I am writing to express our strong support for Senate Bill 444.

A key element of a safe school environment is a school building's indoor air quality. All children benefit when efforts are taken to reduce irritants and allergens from indoor air. While AAFA's 2019 [State Honor Roll](#) report notes that Wisconsin has taken steps to provide clean air in schools, more can be done.

This legislation takes another positive step to improve the indoor air quality for all kids in Wisconsin schools. We encourage support of this bill that adds a mandate for air quality inspections and includes state assistance for districts seeking to improve air quality in their schools.

Thank you for introducing this important bill.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Mendez
President and Chief Executive Officer
Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America