

Governor Doyle

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P.O. Box 7863
Madison, WI 53707

Dear Governor Doyle:

The Association of Career Employees is an organization of career State of Wisconsin employees. We are concerned about the integrity of the civil service, the efficient operations of state agencies, the pay and benefits of state employees, and the health of the WI Retirement System.

We are writing to urge you to thaw the freeze on hiring of state employees. The workload on the remaining employees is draining, and the vacancies are affecting the ability of state agencies to carry out their mission.

Particularly in the instance of program revenue funded and federally funded positions, it is difficult to understand the value in keeping positions vacant. ACE is very concerned about the vacancy levels at the State of Wisconsin Investment Board and Employee Trust Funds, which directly serve our members, and which are funded by the participants and not general purpose revenue.

ACE also believes that agencies headed by elected officials should have the discretion to hire staff for authorized positions. These officials are accountable to the public, and should not be subject to DOA hiring restrictions for vacant positions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert Jordan
Executive Director