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Statement from State Public Defender Kelli Thompson on Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen's announcement to not seek re-election

Today, Attorney General Van Hollen announced his decision not to seek re-election. I greatly appreciate Attorney General Van Hollen's dedication to Wisconsin and his collaborative approach to issues, including co-chairing Wisconsin's first Statewide Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. While we are adversaries in the courtroom and, at times, offer different views on a given issue, I can always count on Attorney General Van Hollen to listen to our perspective.

From his start as an Assistant State Public Defender and District Attorney for Ashland and Bayfield Counties to his eventual election to statewide office as Wisconsin Attorney General, he leaves a lasting impact on Wisconsin's justice system. On behalf of the State Public Defender's Office, I thank him for his service to Wisconsin and look forward to watching him succeed in his future endeavors.

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