***Template Message for Governor Tony Evers***

Dear Governor Evers:

I am writing to ask you to please sign **SB 549** into law.This legislation would ensure the Boy Scouts of America and four other federally chartered youth membership organizations can meet directly with school pupils about their organization and discuss how they can promote the students’ educational interests and civic involvement. Legislation similar to this has passed already in twelve states across the country.

*If you have a personal or family experience with Scouting, please add it here. A personal testimony is helpful.*

The BSA’s goal is to prepare America’s youth for lives of impact and purpose. The Scouting program helps develop our community’s youth into responsible, civically-minded adults.

In years past, BSA staff had access to schools for the purpose of recruiting new Scouts. Today, more than 760 schools in Wisconsin prohibit us from conducting a brief recruitment talk in their school. As a result, Wisconsin has experienced a devastating 30% decline in Boy Scout membership within the last five years. In many schools, our Scouting programs are dying due to the inability to recruit new members to join.

Please restore access by signing SB 549 into law.

Sincerely,

Your Name