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- Significantly increasing bureaucratic costs while creating additional hurdles for those in need for requiring photo IDs on BadgerCare cards.
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