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Dear Dr. Garrison and Dr. Finkel,

Thank you for submitting a nomination to add Gaucher Disease to Wisconsin's newborn screening panel of conditions. We appreciate and share your concern for children and families who are profoundly affected by this condition.

When we receive nominations to add a condition to the Wisconsin panel, we follow a careful process to ensure that they are thoroughly reviewed by doctors and scientific experts in Wisconsin. You can read more about this process, the established criteria, and the committees involved at: [Nominate a Condition for Addition to the Wisconsin Newborn Screening Panel | Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#).

The first review of the Gaucher Disease condition nomination was conducted by the Newborn Screening Metabolic Subcommittee which met on October 17, 2025, which recommended the addition to the panel. Then the Newborn Screening Umbrella Committee met on December 5, 2025, to review the nomination, and concluded that the nomination meets all the criteria for inclusion on the screening panel. Finally, the Secretary's Advisory Committee to Newborn Screening (SACNBS) met via zoom on March 6, 2026. The SACNBS voted unanimously to recommend the addition of Gaucher Disease to Wisconsin's newborn screening panel.

Based on the recommendations of the SACNBS, I am approving the addition of Gaucher Disease to Wisconsin's newborn screening panel through the administrative rule-making process. You can read more about this process at: [Administrative Rules | Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#).

Thank you for your contribution to the Wisconsin Newborn Screening Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kirsten Johnson", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kirsten L. Johnson  
Secretary-designee  
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