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Rep. Sargent: Statement on Gov. Walker's letter to the NFL

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MADISON – Representative Melissa Sargent (D-Madison) released the following statement on Governor Walker's letter to National Football League (NFL) Commissioner, Roger Goodell, and the NFL Players Association executive director, DeMaurice Smith, asking the NFL to stop protesting the during the national anthem to instead focus on domestic violence:

"Well, after seven years in office, I'm glad Scott Walker finally woke up this morning and realized domestic violence in the NFL is a problem. It's a shame Walker hasn't ever spoken up when there's been literal video evidence of brutal physical assaults, or when a player has been repeatedly accused of sexual assault. That fact alone is indicative that this is nothing more than another political stunt for Walker to feel relevant.

"Scott Walker might not be able to walk and chew gum at the same time, but the rest of us can and should be able to do both. Dialogues about racism and domestic violence are not mutually exclusive, and we shouldn't have to choose between tackling misogyny or domestic violence and systemic racism."

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Melissa Sargent is a State Representative in the Wisconsin Assembly, representing the 48th Assembly District, which covers the east and north sides of the city of Madison and the village of Maple Bluff.