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U.S. Rep. Moore: Nominated for prestigious Ways and Means Committee

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Washington, DC – **Congresswoman Gwen Moore (WI-04)** released the following statement upon being nominated by the Democratic Steering and Policy Committee for the esteemed Ways and Means Committee in the U.S. House of Representatives:

“I am honored to have gained the support of my colleagues to be impaneled on the Ways and Means Committee. As a Black woman who rose up out of the depths of poverty to represent the interests of the working poor, I was born for such a time. I was born to use my seat at this table of leadership to stand as a steadfast foil to President Trump and his Republican accomplices’ attempts to criminalize poverty, decimate Medicare and Medicaid, and destabilize our economy with reckless tax cuts for the wealthy.

“Since my election to Congress 14 years ago, I have fought to defend the rights of Americans to have good-paying jobs and meet their basic needs like rent, healthcare, and security. Now, as a member of this prestigious committee, I will have jurisdiction over many of these programs, including tax and trade policy. I pledge to use this position of power to move forward effective legislation to provide struggling women and children with the ways and means to rise up out of poverty. Representing Wisconsin interests, I will fight for trade and taxation policies that truly champion working American families, not just massive corporations and the richest one percent.

“Millions of Americans struggle every day just to put food on the table and a roof over their heads. In a country as rich as ours, this cannot stand. It has long been

said that we need a moral revival. Today, I am bringing that revival to the Ways and Means Committee."

The Ways and Means Committee is the oldest committee of the United States Congress and is the primary tax-writing body in the House of Representatives. The Committee has jurisdiction over the Social Security system, Medicare, the Foster Care System, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Unemployment Insurance, and all taxation, tariffs, and revenue-raising measures.