

Rep. Sargent: Putting politics aside & getting to work for the people of Wisconsin

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MADISON – Representative Melissa Sargent (D-Madison), released the following statement in response to the Governor’s state of the state address this evening:

“Over the past year, under the leadership of Governor Evers, we have made strides in moving Wisconsin forward to a more equitable future. From increasing education funding by nearly \$100 million dollars and signing into law a multitude of bipartisan bills, to traveling across the state to hear the voices of the people of our state, Governor Evers has proven his commitment to putting politics aside and getting to work for the people of Wisconsin.

While Governor Evers has taken great steps forward for our state, tonight he also reflected on the work that remains. We know that Wisconsinites want our government to get to work and to do what is right for themselves, their families, and our communities. We know that Wisconsin residents want real relief including fair wages, reducing student debt and bettering college affordability, and ensuring quality and affordable healthcare. Further, Wisconsinites want fair government through nonpartisan redistricting and campaign finance reforms, which protects the foundational principle of ‘one person, one vote’. Finally, the people of Wisconsin want to help their friends and neighbors through measures such as ensuring clean drinking water and assisting homeless individuals in our state.

These are nonpartisan issues that require bipartisan action to be taken. I commend the Governor for recognizing the work that is left to be done for our state, and his call upon the Legislature to come together to address these vital areas. We have a limited time to act as a legislative body before the end of the session, and it is important that the majority party take action now to bring these issues to the Floor.

It is past time to set politics aside and to get to work. I am committed to rolling up my sleeves and continuing to work across the aisle to fight for these pragmatic policies here in the State Capitol.”