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Rep. Baldeh: Statement on Governor Evers call for a special session to allow Wisconsin voters referendum authority

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Madison, WI– This morning Governor Tony Evers announced that he would be calling the Wisconsin Legislature into a special session to allow the people of Wisconsin to place referenda on ballots in order to repeal Wisconsin's 1849 criminal ban on abortion.

Wisconsin State Representative Samba Baldeh (D-Madison) released the following statement:

"By a wide majority, Wisconsin voters support safe, legal access to abortion and oppose the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade. Despite this broad public support, Republicans gaveled out of a special session called to protect those rights without any discussion or debate. When the legislature no longer represents the will of the people, we must review ways of giving the people an option to make their will known."

"The Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade effectively stripped Wisconsin women of their ability to make their own reproductive healthcare decisions. The State's 1849-abortion ban was passed by legislators who were elected more than seventy years before women got the right to vote. The constitutional amendment proposed today will give women a chance to weigh in on how the State of Wisconsin regulates their reproductive health."