

Rep. Rodriguez: Statement on Governor's special session

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MADISON — Following Republican refusal to even discuss repealing an 1849 law criminalizing abortion—even in cases of rape and incest—Representative Sara Rodriguez (DBrookfield) issued the following statement:

“As a nurse and as someone who volunteered with Planned Parenthood while I was in college, I know how important it is for people to have access to a full range of reproductive health care choices. Following the leaked draft of the Supreme Court’s ruling in *Dobbs*, my constituents have reached out to let me know how they feel. Overwhelmingly, they are frightened that overnight their friends, neighbors, and family members will lose access to comprehensive reproductive healthcare that includes abortion care.

“Governor Evers called this Special Session because laws and court rulings have serious consequences for the people who we love and care about. I showed up today because as a clinician I know that banning abortions in Wisconsin won’t stop them, but it will put people’s lives at risk just for attempting to access the care they need. Like my constituents, I am frustrated and angry that the Republican majority chose to gavel out of this session without any discussion at all.

“Today Wisconsin missed an opportunity to protect access to comprehensive reproductive healthcare by repealing a law best left as a forgotten chapter in our state’s history.”

