

# Sen. Agard: Attorney General Kaul, legislative Democrats renew commitment to progressive public safety

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Madison, WI – Today, Attorney General Kaul and Legislative Democrats highlighted their commitment to public safety through the Safer Wisconsin legislation, a comprehensive package to reduce crime and support stronger communities. State Senator Melissa Agard (D-Madison) released the following statement:

“I was honored to join Attorney General Kaul, Representative McGuire, and my Democratic colleagues to renew our commitment to sensible, progressive safety in Wisconsin. Everyone deserves to feel safe and secure where they live. The Safer Wisconsin package both honors Wisconsin’s progressive tradition and provides a path forward for pragmatic public safety.

“We know that there are sensible policies that will make a real difference—from keeping guns out of the hands of people who have shown they are dangerous, to strengthening our communities’ trust and preventing crime, to addressing substance use disorders and mental health crises, to holding offenders accountable.

“We also know that our current systems do not work to benefit of all—especially for Black and Brown neighbors. Now more than ever, it is crucial that we install thoughtful policies that will reform historically harmful institutions. The Safer Wisconsin legislation offers commonsense, practical measures for safety and equity.

“Public safety should not be a partisan issue. While my Republican colleagues have gavelled out for the session and decided the work is done, I continue to stand with Attorney General Kaul and my Democratic colleagues to reaffirm our dedication to a vision of progressive public safety.”