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### **Sen. Larson: Statement on Being Silenced on the Floor of the Senate**

**Milwaukee, WI** –Senator Chris Larson released the following statement regarding having his voice silenced on the floor of the Senate and not being allowed to put forward progressive amendments to the budget.

“It is beyond disappointing that legislative leaders on both sides of the aisle in the Senate shut down any discussion of progressive amendments to the budget. I had prepared amendments specifically addressing campaign finance reform, extending the Knowles-Nelson stewardship grant, and fair, equitable marijuana policy for Wisconsin — among other progressive policies.

“During my time in the Senate, I have come to expect the silencing of the progressive agenda from the GOP but to have members of my own caucus shutting down a real discussion on progressive policies is truly astounding. I understand that there are some who would rather not have these discussions, but that is not how we move Wisconsin forward in a truly progressive direction.

“I will continue to fight as hard as I can for the priorities and positions that my constituents value. I will continue to bring their voice to every debate. I just hope, next time, I am allowed to speak.”

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