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Melissa Sargent Announces Endorsement from Anthony Cooper

MADISON— Melissa Sargent (D-Madison) released the following statement announcing an endorsement from Anthony Cooper, Sr. for her candidacy for Wisconsin's 16th Senate District:

"Today I am pleased to share an endorsement from Anthony Cooper," said Sargent. "Anthony is committed to working for equal housing opportunities for all of our families, and he has been an excellent advocate and leader in this capacity."

Anthony Cooper, Sr. is the CEO of the Focused Interruption Coalition and the Vice President of Reentry & Strategic Partnerships Center for Nehemiah Urban Center for Leadership Development. Cooper's work has greatly expanded housing options through a partnership with Dane County's Affordable Housing Fund. Cooper has additionally created wrap-around reentry services that include housing, employment, mentoring, and advocacy. In 2019, Cooper received the King Humanitarian Award.

"Standing up and doing the right thing is not easy, but Melissa Sargent has never accepted anything less than what is just," said Cooper. "She has been a supportive, impactful advocate for people who typically do not have a voice. Melissa understands that justice requires action, and I know she will continue to fight for what is right in the State Senate."

"I am honored to be receiving this endorsement from Anthony Cooper," said Sargent. "Accessible, equitable housing is absolutely essential for all members of our community, and he has been an incredible leader to ensure that such essentials are met."

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Born and raised in Dane County, Melissa served on the Dane County Board prior to being elected to represent the 48th Assembly District. Before her start in politics, Melissa owned a small business and worked in the private sector. Concern for the greater community and a vision for a better Wisconsin brought her to public service and community activism. She is a proud mother of 4 boys, and lives on Madison's northside.