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Rep. Stubbs Statement on Gov. Evers Package of Legislation Addressing Police Reform

MADISON – Today, Representative Shelia Stubbs (D-Madison) issued the following statement in support of Governor Evers and Lieutenant governor Barnes package of legislation addressing police reform.

"We stand with Governor Evers and Lieutenant Governor Barnes in their call for a package of legislation that interrupts violence, changes policies about the use of force by law enforcement, builds on the work of the Law Enforcement Standards Board and strengthen accountability measures.

These policies are about preventing violence. They are about preserving humanity. As such, these legislative measures go beyond political debate. We enthusiastically support the Governor and Lieutenant Governor in passing this necessary package of legislation.

I am grateful to Governor Evers for including my "End Racial Profiling in Wisconsin" bill, which establishes a civil cause of action for damages against a person who calls a law enforcement officer with the intent to (1) discriminate against them (2) humiliate or embarrass them or (3) to damage their reputation, their standing within the community, or their financial prospects, in this suite of legislation.

We are in pain. Our youth is in pain. And they are reaching out to us. It is past time for the legislature to come together and pass bills addressing police reform. The bills in this package of legislation will save lives, and build the foundation for justice in our state.

I am proud to serve as a state representative and be part of this historic moment in which we get to witness "the arc of history bend toward justice." I am grateful for Governor Evers, and Lieutenant Governor Barnes' leadership, for justice-minded colleagues, and for the youth whose activism, passion for humanity, and demands for equity create the conditions for meaningful state and nation-wide policy change."