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Legislative Republicans take one step forward, and then three steps back

MADISON – The Republicans who control the State Senate voted today on the latest amendments to Assembly Bill 1. After the session, Senate Democratic Leader Janet Bewley (D-Mason) released the following statement:

“Legislative Republicans took one step forward, and now three steps back. Two weeks ago, the Senate Majority Leader and the Governor came to a compromise on a COVID-19 bill that was agreeable to everyone. Instead of engaging in good faith negotiations, Republicans have once again turned to theatrics, and have re-introduced amendments to the legislation which guarantees it will be vetoed. With Wisconsin recording 6,306 deaths from COVID-19, legislators only goal should be stopping the spread of this disease, and the deaths of our loved ones, friends and neighbors - not playing political games and settling scores.”

“Republicans waited 288 days to do something for COVID-19 relief, and once again are insisting on adding amendments that the Governor has already said that he will not sign. The amended bill is not a compromise - a compromise could have been achieved by negotiating with the Governor, and then following through on their word,” Sen. Bewley said.

“Let’s be clear, Senate Republicans folded on this vote. It is disappointing that the Republican Legislators are in such disarray that they are unable to govern and lead Wisconsin out of this pandemic. The bottom line is that - this most recent amended proposal is a slap in the face to Wisconsin residents who have had to endure the worst pandemic in a Century – an insult to the essential workers, healthcare providers, and educators who have put their lives on the line this last year. They have waited long enough - Wisconsinites deserve better!”

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