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Sen. Roys Statement on Passage of Modified AB 1

Madison – Today, the State Senate passed Assembly Bill 1 (AB 1), State Senator Kelda Roys issued the following statement regarding the bill:

“Today, the Wisconsin State Senate voted on a bill described as a COVID “relief” package. This description belies the fact that the legislation, while it contains some positive provisions, falls far short of the help and relief Wisconsinites need, and it restricts the ability of people harmed by negligent corporations to have their day in court.

“Wisconsin families need direct relief in the form of emergency survival payments, childcare assistance, and protection from eviction. Our hospitality industry and small businesses need grants to help them adapt and allow workers to stay home and stay safe. Our schools need more flexibility and funding to provide virtual instruction, and to prioritize safe reopening when that is possible. We need to provide basic protections – from PPE to sick leave – for frontline workers, as outlined in the Healthcare Heroes Act.

“Republicans spent 9 months fighting every measure to stop the spread of COVID, while opposing help for struggling workers and small businesses. This proposal does far too little to slow the spread of COVID or address the economic devastation suffered by Wisconsin families as a result of this pandemic and the GOP’s failure to lead at the federal and state levels. I voted against it because our citizens deserve better than the table scraps thrown at them by GOP politicians desperate to save their reputations after 272 days of inaction. Instead, I introduced and voted to advance the superior proposal put forth last week by my Assembly and Senate Democratic colleagues and I.”

To protect the health of her colleagues, staff who work in the capitol, and her family, Senator Roys participated virtually in the senate’s session.