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## Sen. Roys: “We Can’t Trust the GOP with COVID relief” *Opposes SB 183*

Madison – Today, the Senate will vote on SB 183, a bill that would usurp Gov. Evers’ power to spend federal COVID-19 relief funds, letting Republican legislative leaders block needed funds to families and small businesses. Sen. Kelda Roys issued the following statement outlining her opposition to this proposal.

*“This bill is the ultimate hypocrisy. How can Wisconsinites trust legislative Republicans to allocate COVID-19 relief funds when they’ve spent the last year denying there was a crisis, holding mask-less super-spreader events, and siding with the virus? I’ve put together a “Top 5” list of reasons we can’t afford to let the GOP halt these funds:*

*“Reason 1: \$1.6 billion in Medicaid funds that Robin Vos has already dismissed out of hand. They’d rather people get sick and die than provide basic healthcare during a deadly pandemic.*

*“Reason 2: Refusing to expand unemployment, costing workers who lost income due to the pandemic critical insurance payments that they have earned. They don’t care about families being able to put food on the table or pay rent.*

*“Reason 3: Billions of dollars allocated by GOP legislators to construct an Orb in Mount Pleasant that, thus far, has not made a single piece of technology. At the same time, they’ve denied struggling small businesses and local governments of resources.*

*“Reason 4: Millions of dollars on private attorneys to defend the GOP’s scheme to gerrymander our state again, even though they didn’t care enough about governing to show up for work for 9 months during a deadly pandemic and devastating economic crisis.*

*“Reason 5: Wisconsin is at risk of sending back \$2 billion because legislative Republicans would rather have Joe Biden and Tony Evers look bad than help their own constituents.”*

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