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**Statement on the Speaker's Task Force on
Racial Disparities Bills**

MADISON – In reaction to the passage earlier today of the policing bills originating from the Speaker's Task Force on Racial Disparities, Representative Greta Neubauer (D-Racine) issued the following statement:

“Over the last several years, we have seen countless members of our community join the movement calling for changes to our model of policing. The movement has called not only for greater accountability, but for a fundamental shift in how we structure the relationship between law enforcement and members of our community.

“Today, the Assembly voted on a series of bills relating to policing, framed as a solution and a response to this movement. I want to be clear: this package does not adequately respond to the calls for real change.

“These bills do not accomplish what we know needs to be done to make our communities safe for everyone, especially people of color. We should not be limiting the use of choke holds and studying no knock warrants, we should be banning them. We should be investing in the provision of critical community resources – including mental health care, social services and non-police crisis response – instead of sending more resources to a policing model that does not meet our needs.

“As we move forward from today, our work continues. I will continue to sponsor and push for the bills we need to fundamentally restructure policing and create a truly just justice system in Wisconsin.”

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