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Rep. Bowen Statement on NBA Champion Milwaukee Bucks
“A Championship City with Players Who Champion Social Justice”

MADISON - In response to the Milwaukee Bucks winning their first NBA title in fifty years, State Rep. David Bowen (D-Milwaukee) released the following statement:

“I have lived in Milwaukee my entire life, and never have I been more proud to call Milwaukee my home. To watch how this team played for the city of Milwaukee, for our State, and how the people of this city showed up for this team was truly remarkable. I want to congratulate not only the players but the city for turning Milwaukee into a championship destination. I can think of nothing that is more emblematic of the true values of our community past what haters and naysayers claim than the hard work, dedication, and perseverance this team displayed during their championship run. We are a city of Champions again!”

Last night, the Milwaukee Bucks beat the Phoenix Suns 105-98 to win the NBA Championship. Led by Finals MVP Giannis Antetokounmpo, the Milwaukee Bucks won four straight games after losing the first two in the series making it one of the biggest comebacks in Wisconsin sports history. It must be mentioned how this season wouldn't be possible without the stand-up activism by a conscious team that refused to be silent when injustices against Black citizens were brought to the headlines.

“To see the contributions this team has made both on and off the court is truly inspiring. When the Milwaukee community, WI & nation protested in the streets in response to the murder of George Floyd by Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin, Giannis and his teammates were elbow-to-elbow with the protesters demanding change. When Jacob Blake was paralyzed after being shot six times in the back by a Kenosha Police officer, the Milwaukee Bucks took the unprecedented step of refusing to play in solidarity with the movement to end police violence against Black and Brown people in Wisconsin and across the country. Additionally, time and again the members of this team and organization have proven to be committed to ending violence in our own backyard as well. This team has shown that they are ambassadors to our community, and apart from being world-class champions, they are using their roles to demand much-needed change in our community.

I am excited to celebrate more championships in the future as the Milwaukee Bucks continue to dominate on the court while also giving back to our community. We've long known that Milwaukee has always been a Wisconsin and American treasure, but over this series and last night especially, our hometown Milwaukee Bucks proved it to the whole world. For the first time in half a century, we are World Champions once again!”
