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Taylor Responds to State of the State Address

MADISON –Today, Senator Lena Taylor (D-Milwaukee), issued the following statement in response to Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers’ State of the State Address:

“Bottom line, Governor Evers’ policies and vetoes have been a stop gap in the effort to stave off divisive proposals and legislation that would harm Wisconsin. While we have had an arm of the legislature, hell-bent on dragging us backwards into a repressive history of our nation, Evers has helped to hold the line. He has held the door open and given us a fighting chance at a Wisconsin that works for all of us. Yet he can’t do it alone.

Our state will either live up to our motto of FORWARD or we will return to a period of unsafe reproductive decisions for Wisconsin’s women and girls. We can foster a racial climate that encourages mutual respect and truth or we can silence what makes us uncomfortable. We can invest fully in the education of our youth or siphon funds that reallocate resources along partisan or ideological beliefs. We can ensure that we adequately address public safety without scapegoating challenged communities.

The State of our State is tied up in more than just our balance sheet, how we allocate dollars or pay for our services. When we have a legislature that is imbalanced in terms of power and not truly reflective of the citizens we serve, we have issues in our state. When redistricting is used as a weapon to disenfranchise voters, we have issues in our state. When wealth gaps persist along racial lines, we have issues in our state. When the state’s largest city is facing a fiscal cliff and surrounding municipalities are asking for help, as well, we have issues in our state.

However, even facing all those challenges, Governor Evers has worked earnestly to help Wisconsin families. He has sought to invest in initiatives that would benefit everyone across the board: roads, infrastructure, clean energy, education, employment and business growth. We’ve got work to do and if we figure out how to do it together, without creating false narratives that someone has to lose for all of us to win, we will truly be in a great state.”

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