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MADISON—April is National Minority Health Month and Representative LaKeshia Myers is joining fellow members of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators (NBCSL) around the U.S. to raise awareness about the importance of improving the health of racial and ethnic minority constituents, and reducing health disparities among Americans.

According to, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services heart disease is the leading cause of death in our state. “Infections and diseases affect everyone, regardless of race, but not everyone is affected equally—including in Wisconsin,” said Representative Myers. “Health disparities exist as a result of systemic inequities rooted in unjust systems, practices and policies. That’s why I’m working with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), Milwaukee Health Services, Inc. (MHSI), Versiti-The Blood Center of Wisconsin, and Vivent Health to help eliminate racial health disparities.”

By supporting community blood drives, mobile mammography units, organ, eye, and tissue testing, public lactation facilities, expanding rural health options, paid parental leave and Medicaid expansion, Representative Myers has continued to be a champion to improve the health and wellbeing of all Wisconsinites, regardless of zip code.

“While policy-led interventions are effective at eliminating health disparities, they must work in tandem with medical and non-medical partners to address social impacts of health,” added Rep. Myers. “As your state legislator, it is imperative that we work together to strengthen our state. I’m asking all of you to join me in this critical fight to improve the quality of life for our citizens of color—your family, friends, colleagues and neighbors.”

Representative Myers has been a member of NBCSL since 2019, and has served as an executive board member since 2022. NBCSL members who attended the organization’s 47th Annual Legislative Conference voted and ratified resolutions focused on addressing inequities and improving minority health. NBCSL is one-fourth of the Quad Caucus of state legislators, whose mission is to promote equitable outcomes in all communities, focusing on people of color in the areas of health, education, family economic security and juvenile justice. The Quad Caucus seeks to strengthen cross-racial relationships, increase the percentage of policy-making leaders that support an equity agenda and racial healing, and build a national voice.

“In this modern age of health technology and medical advancements, no family should have to endure the premature death of a loved one,” said Alabama State Representative Laura Hall, president of NBCSL. “This National Minority Health Month, the National Black Caucus of State Legislators is encouraging everyone, especially our members and the constituents they represent in their respective districts, to do their part to help reduce health disparities and improve the health of racial and ethnic minorities.” Learn more about

Representative Myers' efforts to promote equitable health outcomes for Wisconsin at <http://legis.wisconsin.gov/assembly/12/myers>