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Representative LaKeshia Myers Mourns the Loss of Zekani Hymes & Urges Legislature to Revisit Reckless Driving Remedies

MADISON – Representative LaKeshia Myers (D-Milwaukee), issued the following statement regarding the hit-and-run death of a four year old girl in Milwaukee on Tuesday, April 30th.

Representative Myers said, “I was saddened to hear of the hit-and-run death of four year old Zekani Hymes. To know that the driver of the vehicle that struck Zekani and her mother, did not stop to provide first aid or assess the situation, is infuriating. To operate a vehicle with such disregard for human life is quite troubling and has become a reality for far too many Wisconsinites.”

Myers added, “As a legislator, I have continued to sound the alarm about reckless driving, and have championed legislation aimed at curbing this behavior and punishing individuals who choose to drive with lack of restraint. These remedies have included red light and speed enforcement cameras which are currently prohibited by state law. Reckless driving is not only an issue that plagues Milwaukee, but one that persists across the state; therefore it is incumbent on the state legislature to stop ignoring this issue and finally change the law. With over one hundred pedestrian related deaths in the past five years, the loss of life is exponential and requires legislative attention. It is for this reason that I am asking the governor to call for a special session of the legislature to address reckless driving. It is my hope that both leadership in both chambers will agree take this issue seriously.”

Representative LaKeshia Myers is the author of the “Safe Roads Save Lives Act”, a bill aimed at creating a pilot program for red light camera placement in the city of Milwaukee. The bill has been introduced in four consecutive legislative sessions.

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