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MADISON – Representative Melissa Sargent (D-Madison) released the following statement regarding today’s announcement that Governor Evers’ budget will include [steps towards a \\$15 minimum wage](#):

“I applaud Governor Evers for joining the advocates and workers across our state, and myself, to increase the minimum wage for our hard working friends and neighbors to \$15.00 per hour.

Here in Wisconsin, we believe in taking care of each other. We believe that putting in an honest day’s work means you earn an honest day’s pay. We believe that when we work hard and play by the rules, we should all have a fighting chance, and that we do better when we *all* do better. We believe our economy should work for all of us, not just the top 1 percent, and that our communities are stronger when we’re independent of the government, not dependent upon it.

Most reasonable people would agree that if you are working at least 40 hours per week you should not live in poverty, however currently one in four Wisconsin workers have poverty-wage jobs. I am proud to have introduced legislation to raise the minimum wage to \$15 per hour in past sessions, and I look forward to continuing to advocate for the hardworking Wisconsinites across our state.

I welcome Governor Evers to the [#FightFor15](#).”

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Melissa Sargent is a State Representative in the Wisconsin Assembly, representing the 48th Assembly District, which covers the east and north sides of the city of Madison and the village of Maple Bluff.