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Rep. LaKeshia Myers Issues Statement on COVID-19 Legislation

Despite some positive steps, more work remains

MADISON – Today, the State Assembly passed AB 1038 which addressed Wisconsin’s response to the COVID-19 crisis. Representative LaKeshia Myers (D-Milwaukee) released the following statement:

“Today was a stepping stone in the effort to grant relief to the people of Wisconsin. AB 1038 was crafted to fill the legislative gaps that exist in our statutes as we respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. While Governor Evers has enacted several executive orders aimed at keeping Wisconsinites safe; it is the duty of the Wisconsin State Legislature to enact laws that are beyond the governor’s scope of authority. While today was a great exercise in bipartisanship, I implore my colleagues that we must not use the passage of AB 1038 as a “one and done” deal. We must meet again, as the health and safety of our constituents depends on it. COVID-19 has shone a light on many underlying inequities that exist across our state—issues such as the lack of broadband access in rural and indigent communities have hampered the education of many Wisconsin children as schools are now forced to embrace technology to help students make the grade; our state’s colleges and universities have taken a significant financial loss due to the early dismissal of students from campuses; and access to Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for our healthcare workers remains scarce while manufacturers continue to raise prices beyond affordability.”

Representative Myers also stated, “I applaud my Democratic colleagues for offering amendments that would help achieve more of these goals. While we began the work today, it is necessary for us to meet again to continue our work. We cannot seek short-term solutions to long-term problems. The health and safety of the people of Wisconsin must continue to be our top priority, and our state government must do everything possible to work together to keep all communities safe and protect our democracy. I am ready and willing to work on whatever is needed to help get our state through this crisis. This is not a Democrat or Republican issue, this is a Wisconsin issue and together we can do better to protect the people of our great state. The people of our state are relying on us to act in their best interest during this unprecedented time and we cannot afford to let them down.”

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