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Rep. LaKeshia Myers Decries Anti-Safer at Home Rally Held at Wisconsin State Capitol

MADISON – Representative LaKeshia Myers (D-Milwaukee) released the following statement regarding the anti-safer-at-home rally held at the state capitol today:

“The rally held at the Wisconsin State Capitol today by individuals protesting the governor’s ‘Safer at Home’ order was clearly an exercise in white privilege. Even though a permit was denied and the capitol building was closed to the public, protesters openly defied the governor’s directive by gathering en masse on the capitol grounds while waving confederate flags and carrying military grade assault rifles. While some of the individuals participating were Wisconsinites there are also many who have traveled from out of state to participate in this deleterious display of demagoguery. In many municipalities across Wisconsin people who break the ‘Safer at home’ order can be fined, with the maximum penalty being jail time. Why then, has Wisconsin Capitol Police failed to act? Why have there been no mass arrests or municipal citations issued for this non-essential gathering? In order for us to move past this pandemic and to truly flatten the curve we need compliance from the public. In any other situation, willful non-compliance with the law is met with the full force of law enforcement, yet when the protestors are predominantly white and male defiance is rewarded with inaction and complacency. If we expect to recover from this pandemic, with the fewest casualties possible immediate action needs to be taken. I urge Governor Tony Evers to utilize the law enforcement mechanisms at his disposal and to ensure that protestors at the Capitol are given citations and effective law and order is maintained.”

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