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## **Rep. Robyn Vining Stands with Victims & Survivors of Sexual Assault**

MADISON - Thursday, the Assembly Committee on Health passed Assembly Bill 844 in an Executive Session, an amalgamation of bills and ideas that was introduced just one week ago. One Republican joined the Democrats to reject the bill on an 8-5 vote. Everyone at the public hearing Wednesday, less than 24 hours prior to the Executive Session and only 3 business days since the initial introduction of the bill, testified in opposition to AB 844. However, while unanimously objecting to AB 844, those testifying showed a resounding appreciation for Assembly Bill 214, a bipartisan bill written with input from subject matter experts and passed the Senate on a voice vote in October. The Wisconsin State Assembly is set to vote on AB 844 on the floor on Tuesday, February 11th. State Representative Robyn Vining (D-Wauwatosa) issued the following statement in opposition to this bill:

"I want to reiterate what everyone who testified against this bill on Wednesday said: this bill is not what the people of Wisconsin deserve. The bar is Assembly Bill 214, a bipartisan bill that passed through the Senate unanimously. I will not sell out the women and children of Wisconsin to political gamesmanship. The lives of men, women, and children are NOT tokens in a political game. The vote is no on Assembly Bill 844. And the time to reject partisan games and return to governing for the safety of all Wisconsinites is now."

*Rep. Vining represents the 14th Assembly District, which includes parts of Brookfield, Wauwatosa, and Milwaukee. For more information, visit Rep. Vining's website <u>here</u>.* 

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