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## "We Can Do Better, and We Should." -Rep. Robyn Vining on Assembly's Action This Week.

MADISON—The Assembly was in session twice this week, but spent much of the People's time engaging in fighting culture wars, and amplifying false narratives. Rep. Robyn Vining [D-Wauwatosa] released the following statement:

"Wisconsinites are experiencing a mental health crisis that has been years in the making, and Wisconsin's postpartum mothers, students, families, farmers, veterans, and workers deserve our help. We can do better, and we should.

"Families are counting on us to address the rising cost of childcare, and childcare providers are counting on us to address how they will keep their doors open and the Wisconsin workforce at work. We can do better, and we should.

"Our public schools are in desperate need of funding, after more than a decade of the Republican-led legislature defunding and underfunding public schools. As we are now seeing threats in my district to close neighborhood elementary schools, we can do better, and we should.

"Wisconsinites need urgent action, and yet Republicans spent the week promoting culture wars, and furthering false narratives about Wisconsin's elections.

"Republicans this week chose to continue their attacks on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion by gutting important initiatives that foster diversity in our universities. These attacks do nothing to invest in Wisconsin's workforce challenges. Culture wars are investments in Republican campaigns, not the lives of Wisconsinites.

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"Wisconsinites expect and deserve their legislators to work to address the issues they are facing. By investing in access to mental healthcare, by fully funding our public schools, and by making sure Wisconsin parents have affordable, quality childcare—that is how we can move forward, *together*! We can do better, and we should."

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

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