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Rep. Robyn Vining on Brewers' Deal: "This is Not a Home Run."

MADISON—The Assembly voted today on a pair of bills that would restructure the stadium contract between the State of Wisconsin and the Brewers, extending the team's time in Milwaukee through 2050. In response to voting against these bills, Rep. Robyn Vining (D-Wauwatosa) released the following statement:

"I want to begin by commending County Executive David Crowley and Mayor Cavalier Johnson for their hard work to deliver the best possible deal they could to the people of the City of Milwaukee and Milwaukee County. This was a difficult negotiation, and what they were able to negotiate for the people they represent should be commended.

"Decades ago the State of Wisconsin took on ownership of the Brewers' stadium, and with that, took on a significant responsibility as landlord of the stadium. **The deal we have before us, however, places the burden of that responsibility not on the State of Wisconsin, but exclusively on the people of Milwaukee County—my constituents.** In the past, 5 counties shared this responsibility, and in this deal, only the people of Milwaukee County carry the burden. That's not good enough for me, and the people I represent.

"I think it's important for the people of my district who contacted me with their concerns about this deal to know I have heard them, and I am voting in line with their concerns.

"The Assembly Committee on State Affairs held the public hearing for these bills in my district, in a city where 60% of the students in the West Allis-West Milwaukee School District receive free breakfast and free lunch. While the City and County have negotiated necessary improvements to this bill, I cannot vote for a bill that puts the burden to pay for a stadium on families who can barely afford food. I can't do it, I won't do it.

"Furthermore, I wish to see more concrete labor agreements. Sometimes in this job I think about our votes in the context of the future, and how they will be talked about in years to come.. I cannot live with the concern that this deal doesn't have a clawback for a quick sale of the team in years to come, or that labor agreements could vanish with new ownership. **If we are asking the very people we are trying to protect with these labor agreements to pay for this stadium, we sure as hell better have stronger agreements on team ownership, and maintaining a strong and healthy relationship with labor.**

"And finally, I do believe we are in a moment in this country where people are looking to state legislators to stand up to billionaires and their sports teams. The question I ask myself—often in the middle of the night—is if not now, then when? **We have a responsibility in the Capitol to enact policies that move the people of Wisconsin—not just billionaires—forward, together!"**

Rep. Vining represents the 14th Assembly District, which includes parts of Wauwatosa and West Allis. For more information, visit Rep. Vining's website [here](#).

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