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Rep. Robyn Vining on 2023-2024 Legislative Session: We Begin This Session With Less Rights Than Last Session

MADISON—Today, Representative Robyn Vining (D-Wauwatosa) will be sworn in and begin her third term in the Wisconsin State Assembly representing the 14th Assembly District, a redrawn district that now includes the people of Wauwatosa and West Allis. Rep. Vining has spent the last four years in the legislature focused on healthcare, mental healthcare, infant and maternal healthcare, funding for our public schools, Universal Changing Stations, a fair and healthy democracy, and the needs of small businesses. As the legislative session begins, Rep. Robyn Vining released the following statement:

"We begin this legislative session with a sense of hope and optimism that often accompanies the beginning of a session. Together we desire to do good work and to make the world a better place for the people we are swearing this oath to serve.

"This year, however, we also begin the legislative session with a deep sense of concern at the loss of Wisconsinites' rights and representation.

"With the fall of Roe v Wade this past summer triggering Wisconsin's archaic 1849 abortion ban, Wisconsin women and pregnant people now face the life-endangering and liberty-restricting loss of bodily autonomy, and access to the full spectrum of healthcare. It is time for the Wisconsin legislature to right this wrong and restore Wisconsin women and pregnant people their rights.

"We must also restore the right to fair representation in the state legislature. The new legislature being sworn in is a product of newly rigged maps that silenced the voice of Wisconsinites and handed the Republican party a supermajority in the state senate, and a 2-seat margin from a supermajority in the state assembly. While Wisconsin Democrats are committed to fight to uphold Governor Evers' veto power, we must also restore the rights of the people to being fairly represented in the legislature. Politicians must not choose their voters—voters must be restored access to choosing who represents them.

"We have hope for what we might accomplish together—may we channel that hope that we might also restore what has been lost in the last year. Forward together. All of us."

(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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