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## Rep. Conley: The Legislature Must Uphold the Will of the People

MADISON – Yesterday, the Wisconsin State Assembly met in regular session to take up Republicanauthored child care and redistricting legislation. Representative Sue Conley (D-Janesville) issued the following statement in response:

"We know that Wisconsin children, parents, and child care providers need Child Care Counts, not a package of bills that do not address the growing child care crisis," Rep. Conley stated. "Families need support now. Child Care Counts works now. It works for parents, it works for employers, it works for childcare providers and most importantly, it works for our children. Child Care Counts helps providers keep tuition low and employee wages competitive. It helps parents afford quality childcare and keep our workforce strong. The bills offered by Republicans today do little to help the pending childcare crisis.

"For years, people from all across our state have demanded fair maps. Today we voted on a bill that masquerades as a fair map bill," Rep. Conley continued. "But the public is not fooled – they see this bill for what it is – a stunt to distract from the threats to impeach a Supreme Court Justice that the voters overwhelmingly favor. The public sees that this bill deepens the entrenchment of the legislature's control over future electoral maps. It doesn't remove or even diminish the potential for severe partisan gerrymandering. While Representative Vos likes to refer to this bill as an Iowa-style solution, I see it as another inadequate partisan ploy lacking the seriousness needed to move our state forward."

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