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## Rep. Lori Palmeri's Statement on November 14th Assembly Session

MADISON - Today, the Wisconsin State Assembly met to vote on numerous bills including Governor Evers' Special Session Bill (SSB 1). On October 13<sup>th</sup> 2023, Senate Republicans introduced Senate Substitute Amendment 1 which removed all of the Governor's provisions. Senate Substitute Amendment 1 to the Special Session Bill 1 was brought to the floor for a vote today. Rep. Palmeri released the following statement:

"Today, discussion and bipartisanship was once again tabled as the amendment the Democratic caucus brought to the floor on SBB 1 was not considered by the majority party." stated Rep. Palmeri.

"We saw again the majority's ability to prioritize partisan agendas over the needs of working Wisconsinites. The original Special Session Bill was drafted to address the issues the state budget fell short in. These issues included child care, paid family and medical leave, UW-Systems, WI Technical College Systems, and healthcare and education workforces.

"It is frustrating to once again see little to no genuine engagement in addressing the real life needs of constituents. It is even more frustrating to have these needs treated as frivolous "wants" by Republicans. Child care is not a "want" and neither is funding the UW-System. Both are pillars of a healthy workforce and I will continue to fight to provide every Wisconsinite the freedom, opportunity, and economic security to thrive."

