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Rep. Stubbs Introduces Taskforce on Missing and Murdered African American Women

MADISON, WI – Today Representative Shelia Stubbs (D-Madison) introduced legislation to create a Taskforce on Missing and Murdered African American Women. On the introduction of this effort, Rep. Stubbs released the following statement:

“In 2020, the [National Crime Information Center](#) showed that of the 268,884 reported missing women and girls, 34% of them were African-American. In addition, Non-Hispanic Black and American Indian women experience the highest rates of homicide in the country. Black women and Black girls are not safe in our community, and it is time for change”

“Equity is about protecting everyone who calls Wisconsin home. Creating this Taskforce is essential to confronting root causes of these terrible statistics. This Taskforce will look at the underlying factors that cause this violence, and investigate real meaningful solutions. By dedicating resources to this to this issue, we will make real progress for Wisconsin.”

“Systemic issues require systemic solutions. We need all of our institutions on board with making Wisconsin a safe place for Black women and girls. By bringing in experts and people with real lived experience to the table, we will create groundbreaking policy. This is a step forward for our state, and I urge my colleagues to join me in this effort and bring this bill to the Governor’s desk.”

“As the great Shirley Chisholm once said ‘*You don’t make progress by standing on the sidelines, whimpering and complaining. You make progress by implementing ideas.*’. By implementing this taskforce we can make Wisconsin a better place for Black women, Black children, and Black families.”