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## **Rep. Joers Votes ‘No’ on Anti-Trans Bills**

MADISON – Today, the Wisconsin State Assembly met to vote on several bills, including four anti-transgender bills which aim to restrict the lives and freedoms of Wisconsin’s transgender residents. Representative Alex Joers (D-Waunakee) released the following statement:

“I am devastated that Legislative Republicans have decided the best use of the state’s time and resources is to deny the existence and lived experiences of LGBTQ+ Wisconsinites. Over the years, Republican legislators put forward a number of bills that are harmful to our LGBTQ+ community, particularly our trans Wisconsinites.

“At a time when our transgender community is under fire from executive orders and mandates coming from the highest office of power in our country, we must remember that *all* Americans are entitled to live fulfilling, vibrant lives free from discrimination, regardless of their sex, gender, or gender expression.

“These four bills were clearly not written in order to solve any real, tangible issues; they were intended to divide, exclude, and intimidate Wisconsin’s trans community. I voted against these bills, not only because they are morally wrong, but because I believe it is our job as legislators to promote legislation that is inclusive and respectful, not hateful and divisive.”

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