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## Representative Joers Defends Transgender Community

MADISON – Today, Republicans brought forward three bills attacking the transgender community in Wisconsin. Representative Joers released the following statement:

“I speak today for the heartbreak of Wisconsinites across our state that again must endure a hostile legislature. These bills were put forward under the guise of protecting people, but it is so desperately clear this is an effort to start another culture war at the expense of our youth.

“A survey from the Trevor Project found that respecting and affirming the identity of trans students was ‘consistently associated with lower rates of suicide attempts.’ And when you include the fact that more than half of transgender and non-binary youth have seriously considered suicide, proposals like this put the lives of our young people at risk.

“There is so much wrong with the collection of bills today that are being fast-tracked. I am distraught that members of this body have decided that the best use of our time is to use the full weight of the government to bully the transgender community in our state.

“So, to our transgender community, I want to speak directly to you and say: you are loved, you are valued, and we will continue to fight for you.”

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