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## **Radio Address: Rep. Duchow on Referendum Results**

**MADISON** – Representative Cindi Duchow (R – Delafield) released the weekly radio address on behalf of Wisconsin Legislative Republicans.

*Hi, I'm State Representative Cindi Duchow, and I represent the 99th Assembly District.*

*Voters on Tuesday overwhelmingly approved three statewide ballot proposals.*

*Nearly 80% of Wisconsin voters confirmed that able-bodied childless adults should be required to look for work as a condition of receiving taxpayer-funded welfare benefits.*

*Voters also approved two constitutional changes to our state's broken bail system.*

*The first question broadened language in the state Constitution by authorizing judges to weigh "serious harm," instead of "serious bodily harm" when setting conditions on a defendant's release before trial. This is intended to give judges more leeway to keep the community safe from human trafficking and child predators.*

*The second question allows judges to consider the "totality of circumstances" when determining the amount of cash bail for those accused of committing a violent crime. Until now, Wisconsin was the only state that limits a judge to a single factor when setting bail - flight risk.*

*This amendment allows judges to consider a defendant's previous violent convictions for violent crime, community safety, witness safety, and the probability that the defendant will return to court.*

*We also wanted judges to consider whether the defendant might have an affirmative defense, such as necessity or self-defense when setting cash bail. Of course, everyone in Wisconsin is still guaranteed a right to reasonable bail.*

*Republicans in the Legislature will continue to fight for parents, public safety, and common sense ideas that work for all Wisconsinites.*

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Audio: [http://legis.wisconsin.gov/eupdates/asm63/04.06.2023 Radio Address Rep Duchow.wav](http://legis.wisconsin.gov/eupdates/asm63/04.06.2023%20Radio%20Address%20Rep%20Duchow.wav)

Video: <https://youtu.be/jH9N13DBI0U>