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Legislative LGBTQ+ Caucus Condemns Continued Republican Action on Bills Attacking Transgender and Nonbinary Youth

MADISON – Today, the Wisconsin Legislative LGBTQ+ Caucus released the following statement condemning continued Republican action on bills attacking transgender and nonbinary youth:

“This morning, the Senate Committee on Health is scheduled to hold a public hearing on Senate Bill 480 – which would ban gender-affirming care for minors – and the State Assembly is scheduled to take up AB 377, AB 378, and AB 465 – which would ban gender-affirming care for minors and would prevent transgender students from participating in sports consistent with their gender identity.

“As we warned when these bills received public hearings in the State Assembly, their introduction alone is harmful and dangerous to transgender youth. Recent national surveys have shown that 86% of transgender and nonbinary youth reported negative impacts to their health from the introduction of anti-transgender bills. Nearly 1 in 3 LGBTQ+ young people stated that their mental health was poor “always” or “most of the time” due to anti-LGBTQ+ policies and legislation.

“We know that these bills are not going to become law – Governor Evers has stated that he will veto them. Democrats will uphold that veto. We call upon our Republican colleagues to stop inflicting unnecessary pain on transgender and nonbinary Wisconsinites, and to remove these bills from consideration.

“Once again: we stand with transgender and nonbinary youth in Wisconsin, today and every day. To the transgender and nonbinary people of our state: you are seen, you are loved, and you belong here.”

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