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Rep. Mark Spreitzer and Rep. JoCasta Zamarripa's Statement on AB 26

MADISON- Today, State Representative Mark Spreitzer (D-Beloit) and State Representative JoCasta Zamarripa (D-Milwaukee) released the following statement regarding Assembly Republicans' vote to allow discrimination against patients who are LGBT+ or immigrants:

"I am deeply disappointed by this last-minute, unnecessary change from Assembly Republicans. Removing protections for members of the LGBT+ community is discriminatory and hurtful," said Rep. Spreitzer.

"I'm horrified that Assembly Republicans would pass a bill allowing discrimination against Wisconsin's immigrants, many of whom already have difficulty accessing affordable health care. I'm further disappointed Republicans would do this the day after Martin Luther King Jr. Day, a holiday celebrating unity and fighting bigotry," said Rep. Zamarripa.

[Assembly Bill 26](#) exempts direct primary care agreements from insurance law. The bill's language prohibited a health care provider from discriminating against patients on the basis of age, citizenship status, color, disability, gender or gender identity, genetic information, health status, existence of a preexisting medical condition, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or any other protected class. [Assembly Amendment 2](#), introduced today and adopted today on a party-line vote by Assembly Republicans, eliminated the prohibition of discrimination on the basis of citizenship status, gender or gender identity, genetic information, national origin, and sexual orientation.

Democrats in the Assembly voted against adopting this amendment, and against the bill as amended. Democrats are united against discrimination.

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