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Senator Agard Announces 2nd Leg of the “Grass Routes” Tour - Making the Case for Cannabis Legalization in Wisconsin

MADISON – Today, Senate Democratic Leader Melissa Agard (D-Madison) announced the 2nd leg of her “Grass Routes” tour - an effort to promote the positive impacts of marijuana legalization in Wisconsin. The tour builds on several successful stops earlier this year in Green Bay, Platteville, Eau Claire, Wauwatosa, and Wausau.

Over the next few months Senator Agard will visit with community members, business owners, and local elected officials in the following cities:

- Tuesday, September 19 – Madison, WI
- Wednesday, September 27 – Superior, WI
- Thursday, October 5 – Fond du Lac and Sheboygan, WI
- Wednesday, November 1 – Kenosha, WI
- Thursday, November 30 – Stevens Point, WI
- Thursday, December 7 – Rhinelander, WI

During these events, Senator Agard will give a presentation on the landscape of legalization, both nationally and in Wisconsin. There will also be a Q&A portion for attendees. She will be joined by local leaders in each community.

Senator Agard released the following statement on the upcoming tour:

“Since the initial announcement of my Grass Routes Tour in April, Minnesota took decisive action and passed comprehensive cannabis legalization for responsible adult use, making it the 23rd state in our nation to do so. We are falling behind our neighbors and Wisconsinites are spending their hard earned dollars out of state.

“The most dangerous thing about cannabis is that it remains illegal. For the past decade, I have championed marijuana legalization in Wisconsin. Throughout that time, the people who reached out to my office about this policy and attended the *Grass Routes Tour* town halls are not defined by party affiliation or geography. Nor do they have the same demographics in age, race, or gender. It is a broad coalition of support like few I have seen during my time in the legislature.

“Wisconsin is an island of prohibition. Every day that we wait is one more day that we are less safe, less prosperous, and less equitable. Simply put, it’s not a matter of “if” marijuana” will be legalized in Wisconsin but “when.” It’s time we do this in a manner that honors Wisconsin businesses, promotes criminal justice reform, and brings revenue into our state that is currently flooding across our borders.”

These events are open to the public and press.