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Senator Agard Supports the *Workers First* Labor Package

MADISON – Today, the Legislative Democratic Labor Workgroup released the “Workers First” labor package. The bills prioritize Wisconsin’s workers and repeal a number of Walker-era anti-labor policies. Senate Democratic Leader Melissa Agard (D-Madison) released the following statement:

“Workers’ rights are human rights. For over a decade, Wisconsin’s workers have been dealt blow after blow by Republican lawmakers and their right-wing, corporate agenda. Our state’s once held national reputation as a stronghold of workers’ rights was weakened by the Walker era, whose administration and allies in the Legislature prioritized the interests of the ultra-wealthy over ordinary working Wisconsinites.

“Now, it’s time to reverse the recent course of history and honor the labor of workers. Democrats are working for Wisconsin, ready to undo the damage done by Republicans since 2011 and uplift the lives of Wisconsinites. The bills introduced today set us on a path where everyone can live and work with dignity and security.

“If we want to grow our labor force and make Wisconsin a place where folks want to live, work, and play, then we need to move forward an agenda that puts people first. Legislative Democrats will continue to advocate for workers across Wisconsin and return our state to its pro-labor past.”

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Senator Melissa Agard was elected by her colleagues to serve as Senate Democratic Leader in November of 2022. Senator Agard represents the 16th Senate District, encompassing Sun Prairie, Cottage Grove, Monona, Fitchburg, McFarland, and parts of Madison.