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Senator Agard Reacts to WERC's UW Health Nurses Union Decision

MADISON – On Friday, the Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission (WERC) issued the opinion that nurses at UW Health can't organize a union and collectively bargain under current Wisconsin law. Senator Melissa Agard (D-Madison) released the following statement:

“In September, UW nurses reached a groundbreaking agreement with UW Health management that empowered workers with a seat at the table to advocate for quality patient care and better working conditions. While the decision by WERC is disappointing, it is not surprising. More importantly, WERC’s decision does not change the September agreement between nurses and the administration.

“I will continue to stand with the working people of Wisconsin, remaining shoulder to shoulder with workers in our efforts to restore and ensure their rights to collectively bargain for fair working conditions, benefits, and wages.”

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