



**MELISSA AGARD**  
STATE SENATOR  

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## **Senator Agard Announces “Grass Routes” Tour to Discuss the Status of Cannabis Legalization across Wisconsin**

MADISON – Today, Senate Democratic Leader Melissa Agard (D-Madison) announced the “Grass Routes” Tour - an opportunity to discuss the current landscape of cannabis policy in Wisconsin. The tour will include stops in Platteville, Wauwatosa, Eau Claire, and Wausau. During these events, Senator Agard will give a presentation on legalization efforts, both nationally and in Wisconsin, followed by a Q&A for those in attendance. She will be joined by local leaders in each community. Senator Agard released the following statement on the upcoming tour:

“For the past decade, I have championed cannabis legalization in Wisconsin. Throughout that time, the people who reach out to my office about this policy 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.

“Despite this, Republicans in the Capitol continue to promote their outdated policy of prohibition. If these elected officials are not going to represent the will of the voters who sent them to Madison, then it’s time for us to bring the message of legalization across the state, directly to the people.

“Wisconsin is increasingly 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 past time we do this in a manner that bolsters Wisconsin businesses, honors personal liberties, promotes criminal justice reform, and brings revenue back into our state that is currently flooding across our borders to neighboring states.

### **Tour & Town Hall Dates:**

May 4th - [Platteville](#)

Platteville Public Library (Community Room) 225 W Main St, Platteville, WI 53818

4:00pm - 5:00pm

May 10th - [Wauwatosa](#)

Ray’s Growler Gallery, 8930 W North Ave, Wauwatosa, WI 53226

4:00pm - 5:00pm

May 25th - [Eau Claire](#)

L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library (Riverview Room), 400 Eau Claire St, Eau Claire, WI 54701

4:30pm - 5:30pm

June 1st - [Wausau](#)

Marathon County Public Library (Community Room), 300 1st St, Wausau, WI 54403

4:30pm - 5:30pm

These events are open to the public and press. Senator Agard will be available for interviews both before and after the Town Hall. Please contact Chandra Munroe at 608-266-9170 or [chandra.munroe@legis.wi.gov](mailto:chandra.munroe@legis.wi.gov) to set up a time.

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