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## **Senator Agard Statement on Justice Protasiewicz Impeachment Threats by Speaker Vos & Legislative Republicans**

MADISON – Recently, a number of legislative Republicans have threatened to impeach Justice Protasiewicz. The threats come after Justice Protasiewicz overwhelmingly defeated conservative Dan Kelly in the April election and before the new justice has even heard a court case from the bench. State Senator Melissa Agard (D-Madison) released the following statement:

“Legislative Republicans will jump over any hurdle to usurp the will of the majority. Remember, voters elected Justice Protasiewicz by a deafening margin of over 10 percentage points in April and impeaching her with no basis is an insult to voters everywhere. Considering impeachment mere weeks after Justice Protasiewicz has been sworn-in is utterly absurd.

“Wisconsin’s GOP has a habit of changing the rules when the rules no longer serve them. We saw this in 2018 when legislative Republicans passed a series of laws to limit the powers of the executive branch after Tony Evers defeated Scott Walker, and we are again seeing it now, as Republicans flail to protect the worst gerrymandered maps in the nation to keep themselves in power.

“Voters are tired of these childish antics by their Republican officials. Perhaps if they actually listened to the people of Wisconsin they would not be running scared now in the face of accountability.”

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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.*