

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: September 12, 2023

Contact: Chandra Munroe, (608) 266-9170

Senator Agard Reacts to Republican Redistricting Plan

MADISON – Today, Legislative Republicans announced legislation to alter the redistricting process in Wisconsin. Senate Democratic Leader Melissa Agard (D-Madison) released the following statement:

"Speaker Vos and legislative Republicans are masters of distraction and this most recent attempt is utterly absurd. As we've seen for years, the GOP does nothing unless it benefits them. After decades of defending their gerrymandered maps, we're expected to believe that they have the best interest of voters at heart with this legislation?

"Let me be clear, Republicans have done nothing to honor the will of the voters when it comes to nonpartisan redistricting. They ignore the values of the majority session after session. We cannot trust that cheaters will start playing fair now.

"The Legislature has proven they cannot be impartial with the redistricting process, and it is time for the Supreme Court to focus on the redistricting case that is before them.

"This Republican stunt is disingenuous and offensive, and Senate Democrats will not play a part in the charade."

###

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.