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Senator Agard Denounces GOP's Continued Attacks on Trans Kids

MADISON – Today, Assembly Republicans scheduled a public hearing on Assembly Bill 456, which would ban gender-affirming care for minors. Senate Democratic Leader Melissa Agard (D-Madison) released the following statement:

“Republicans are once again inserting themselves in the private medical decisions made by an individual, their parents and their doctor, violating one’s right to medical privacy and infringing on individual liberties and personal freedom.

“We know that mental health concerns among youth are on the rise, and that our LGBTQ+ youth are four times more likely to attempt suicide than their peers. Despite this, my Republican colleagues are choosing to legislate hate and discriminate against our trans kids who just want to live and grow as their true selves. The GOP is continuing these harmful attacks to score cheap political points with their extreme base.

“Gender-affirming care is health care, decreasing suicidality and affirming the identities of people struggling with gender dysphoria. My Democratic colleagues and I will advocate tirelessly on behalf of all LGBTQ+ individuals and their families. We will not stand for this unhinged platform and hateful rhetoric.”

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