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**Senator Agard Responds to the Introduction of Medical Marijuana Legislation**

MADISON – Today, Legislative Republicans released their restrictive, medical marijuana bill that would create only five state-run medical cannabis dispensaries and confine the requirements for qualification to receive a medical card in the state of Wisconsin. State Senator Melissa Agard (D-Madison) released the following statement:

“This is a serious matter the legislature will be taking up in the coming weeks. We need to make sure we are crossing our t’s and dotting our i’s. I am thoroughly reviewing every provision of this bill because the devil truly is in the details. It is disappointing to see that yet again, Wisconsin’s Republican Legislators are acting as health professionals when they are not. I firmly believe we must trust doctors, patients, and caretakers to make these personal, medical decisions.

“As Wisconsin is increasingly an island of prohibition, putting forward an overly restrictive medical cannabis bill does not move our state in the right direction. I will continue to tirelessly advocate for full legalization that will provide the public safety, freedom, opportunity, and economic benefit that Wisconsinites deserve.

“This bill is picking winners and losers, and it doesn’t need to be this way.”

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