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**Senator Agard Reacts to Governor Evers' 2024 State of the State Address**

MADISON – Tonight, Governor Tony Evers gave his 2024 State of the State Address. Senator Melissa Agard (D-Madison) released the following statement:

“Over the past year, under the leadership of Governor Evers, we have made strides in moving Wisconsin forward toward a brighter, more equitable future. As he has done every year since he took office, Governor Evers has earnestly and authentically assessed the state’s needs and set his priorities accordingly.

“Tonight, we heard the governor passionately advocate for increased mental health care access by creating a statewide plan and cross agency partnerships. He also set forth a plan to address the interconnected issues of Wisconsin’s workforce challenges and looming child care crisis. I will continue to lift up Governor Evers’ call for expanded child care access and paid family leave. With the governor declaring 2024 the year of the worker - it’s time to highlight hardworking Wisconsinites and honor them with pro-Labor policies.

“Environmental issues have been and will continue to be a key priority for the Evers administration. I join the governor in his calling on Republicans to release the \$125 million in funding to mitigate PFAS contamination in Wisconsin. Everyone must have confidence that the water in our taps and in our lakes and waterways are clear of damaging forever chemicals. Under Governor Evers leadership we have also increased our renewable energy infrastructure with solar energy powering many of our communities thanks to critical investments in solar projects.

“Governor Evers also expressed his continued support for abortion access in Wisconsin. A woman’s right to choose is vital and reproductive freedoms in Wisconsin are not negotiable, they are necessary health care.

“Finally, the governor highlighted his work in supporting our local communities. The historic bipartisan shared revenue bill passed earlier this session was a game changer for municipalities and counties all over Wisconsin. This desperately needed increase in shared revenue will help support public safety and first responders, and provide stronger human services.

“Today and everyday I’m grateful we have Governor Evers working for us to make Wisconsin a state of opportunity and freedom for all.”