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## Senator Agard Reacts to GOP Bill to Limit Abortion Care and Access

MADISON – Yesterday, the Senate Committee on Licensing, Constitution and Federalism voted along party lines to approve SB 300, which would ban state and local officials from using public resources to train how to or to perform abortions. State Senator Melissa Agard (D-Madison) released the following statement:

"Abortion is health care. Period. The continued attacks on abortion and reproductive health care from the GOP display that they will stop at nothing to take away life-saving, essential care to women. Now, Senate Republicans think limiting the ability for folks trained as healthcare professionals to safely perform this care would do anything but harm the women seeking health care, as well as the students in our nationally accredited university.

"There is already a shortage of quality physicians, especially OB/GYNs, in the state of Wisconsin. We need to attract more physicians to our state and increase access to abortion - both of which the Republicans wish to threaten, taking away individual freedoms in favor of putting the most vulnerable in our communities at higher risk."

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