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Senator Hesselbein Reacts to First Session Day as Democratic Leader

MADISON, Wis – Today, the State Senate held its first session day of 2024. Senate Democratic Leader Dianne Hesselbein (D-Middleton) released the following statement upon conclusion of the Senate’s actions:

“With limited session days remaining, I am disappointed by the lackluster calendar that was before us today. We’ve recently seen our neighboring states enact meaningful legislation that prioritizes the real needs of their residents. It is unfortunate that my Republican colleagues are content sitting idly by as states like Minnesota and Michigan seize the opportunity to uplift working families.

“We should be following the lead of our progressive neighbors and enact a paid family and medical leave program; codify abortion protections; expand quality, affordable healthcare; fund our public schools; provide breakfast and lunch for students; fully legalize marijuana for responsible adult use; and enact so many other commonsense policies.

“While other state legislatures are honoring the will of their voters, the Wisconsin State Senate continues to ignore it. I am hopeful that the remaining months of the 2023-24 legislative session will be used to pass important bipartisan legislation that honors working families and makes Wisconsin the absolute best it can be.”

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