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## **REP. CABRERA: WISCONSIN'S COVID RELIEF PACKAGE SHOULD NOT BE USED AS A POLITICAL FOOTBALL**

**MADISON** – State Representative Marisabel Cabrera (D-Milwaukee) released the following statement regarding the handling of COVID-19 relief in Wisconsin:

“On January 6, 2021, the whole world watched what happens when elected officials use their platforms to manipulate their followers in order to maintain or increase their own political power. In an attempt to overturn election results, President Trump whipped his base into an angry mob that culminated in a terrifying attack on the U.S. Capitol and multiple deaths.

“Unfortunately, Republican legislators in Wisconsin failed to learn the lessons of January 6th and continue to engage in zero sum gameplay, preferring to score political points over providing critical COVID-19 support to Wisconsinites.

“Without negotiating with democratic legislators, Republicans in the Assembly in a matter of 3 days introduced and jammed a bill filled with poison pills down our throats. A few days later, not to be outdone, Republicans in the Senate introduced a slightly less onerous substitute and passed it in about 24 hours. And, as with Act 185, once again we’re being told that it’s not a perfect bill but it’s a good start as if Wisconsinites will not notice that they’ve been desperately waiting for the comprehensive COVID relief bill promised over 8 months ago on April 15, 2020. Are we to wait another 8 months for the next step in the right direction?

“It’s time for Wisconsin’s Republican legislators to stop playing games with people’s lives and construct a COVID relief package that includes meaningful, substantive relief like rental assistance, small business grants, and hazard pay for healthcare workers rather than providing for blanket immunity from liability and forcing workers and consumers into unsafe situations by prematurely returning to business as usual which will likely result in community spread of the virus and an increase in deaths in Wisconsin.”

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