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A Fresh Start for Wisconsin

MADISON – Representative Melissa Sargent (D-Madison) released the following statement regarding the introduction of legislative priorities by Assembly Democrats for the new session:

“Today, Assembly Democrats introduced their plans to prioritize fair and transparent government, and campaign laws that respect the democratic principle of ‘One person. One vote.’ The citizens of Wisconsin are our bosses, and it is our duty as legislators to work for a system that is of, by, and for the people. Addressing partisan gerrymandering, unchecked campaign finance laws, and ensuring that our government is not operating behind closed doors and with no transparency, are crucial steps in returning the power to the people of Wisconsin. These priorities are reflective of the will of the people, and provide a fresh start for Wisconsin.

I am proud to announce that this week I will be introducing a bill that addresses some of the most damaging campaign finance problems in our state. This bill would stop unlimited individual contributions to political parties and legislative campaign committees, stop unlimited giving from political parties and legislative campaign committees to candidate committees, and would eliminate separate segregated funds that have been abused for the past two campaign cycles.

For too long, powerful special interest groups and the wealthy few have had an overwhelming and growing influence on elections across Wisconsin and nationwide. It is time to restore the integrity of our democracy by limiting the influence of dark money in our government. Sensible donations limits will allow our elections, and as a result our government, to truly represent the voices of the people of Wisconsin.

With these priorities, the Wisconsin Assembly Democrats are reaffirming our commitment to the people of our state, and to restoring ethical, transparent, and responsible governance.”

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Melissa Sargent is a State Representative in the Wisconsin Assembly, representing the 48th Assembly District, which covers the east and north sides of the city of Madison and the village of Maple Bluff.