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## **Wisconsin Assembly Democrats: Government as a Force for Good**

Democratic Weekly Radio Address

By Rep. Terese Berceau

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Hello, this is State Representative Terese Berceau with this week's Democratic Radio Address.

I began my career in public service in 1992 when I was first elected to the Dane County Board.

For the last 18 years, I have had the honor and privilege of serving in the Wisconsin State Assembly, where I have made a career of working to advance women's rights, protect local control, and strengthen the UW System, among other things.

Earlier this year I announced my retirement from state government, which will take effect at the end of this year. And while I am very proud of what I have been able to accomplish with my colleagues, I have become increasingly concerned with the way our government and the Republican Party have evolved during my time in office.

In all my years serving my constituents in local and state government, I have never witnessed the degradation of legislative work and the rising divisiveness amongst colleagues that I have as of late. Make no mistake, it is the Republican leadership that has set us on this path.

But it doesn't have to be this way.

Wisconsin has a long and rich tradition of open and collaborative government whose priorities aren't defined or derailed by partisanship.

It is time elected officials got back to the basics of good governance.

Wisconsin Democrats understand that our state works best when everyone plays by the same rules and legislation is passed to benefit all Wisconsinites, not just a wealthy few.

There is nothing we cannot accomplish when we listen to our constituents, seek the recommendations of experts, and work together.

If there is one thing I believe, it is that government must serve as a force for good.

Thank you.

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