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Rep. Sargent: Walker’s Decision an Attack on Democracy & the Will of the People

MADISON – State Representative Melissa Sargent (D-Madison) released the following statement in response to Governor Scott Walker’s actions in signing the “extraordinary” session bills into law today:

“Governor Walker’s decision to sign SB 883, SB 884, & SB 886 into law today is an attack on democracy and a total override of the will of the people. His actions prove that he and Republican lawmakers are more concerned with partisan politics, than with the voices of voters across the state of Wisconsin.

Every single part of this process has lacked transparency, deliberation, cooperation, and above all has sorely lacked the input of the people. Even today, Governor Walker decided to run to Green Bay to sign these bills into law and gave the public just three hours notice of his plans, rather than having an open process.

Decisions made in darkness that ignore the thousands of constituent pleas are undemocratic and wrong. These bills strip powers from Governor-elect Evers and Attorney General-elect Kaul whom the people voted for on November 6th, and include policies that disenfranchise voters, furthering the detrimental impacts these laws have to our democracy.

Good government is for and by the people, and Governor Walker, Speaker Vos, Senate Majority Leader Fitzgerald, and GOP lawmakers who supported this legislation, are blatantly ignoring this fundamental principle. This is wrong, and these out of touch leaders need to be held accountable.

Though this extremely disappointing, it’s imperative that we all continue to be involved and engaged in our government– whether it’s speaking up, volunteering our time, running for office, or most importantly voting. I know that together, we will continue to work towards what is best for all of Wisconsin.”

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