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Message to Republicans: People with No Place to Sleep Tonight Don't Have Time to Wait

MADISON – Representative Lisa Subeck (D-Madison) issued the following statement regarding a package of Republican bills circulated today under the guise of ending and preventing homelessness.

"Republicans have sat on the sidelines for the last 6 years as poverty and homelessness have increased in the face of their failed economic policies. People with no place to sleep tonight don't have time to wait for a bureaucratic council or pilot program.

Republicans are fooling themselves if they believe they can address homelessness without tackling its root causes. Yet, they offer nothing to address the core issues of housing affordability or economic insecurity, nor do they consider the many other factors that contribute to homelessness.

Ending and preventing homelessness means committing real resources to ensuring every Wisconsinite has a safe and affordable place to call home. Republicans have offered no significant proposals to expand the availability of affordable housing, increase wages, or ensure economic security – all key ingredients to addressing homelessness.

It is time for big and bold action and a substantial investment in ending homelessness. Democrats remain committed to keeping people in their homes and off the streets by expanding the availability of affordable housing, increasing wages, expanding Family Medical Leave, and providing access to healthcare."

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