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Representative Sargent Denounces Maniacal Power Grab by GOP

MADISON – State Representative Melissa Sargent (D-Madison) released the following statement in response to the news of an extraordinary legislative session to take place next week.

“The decision by GOP leadership to move ahead with this brazen manipulation of our democratic process is devastating. A special session designed to strip the authority of Governor-elect Tony Evers and his Administration is a maniacal power grab, and is tone deaf to the needs and wants of the people of Wisconsin.

While Republicans are far too familiar with the deck being stacked in their favor and getting their way, I will not stand for legislation that has no transparency, no deliberative process, and above all no benefit to the people I represent. This extraordinary session is a threat to our state’s balance of power and the integrity of our democracy. It is clearly putting partisan and special interests above those of the people.

The partisan antics of this ‘extraordinary’ session are clear. While the Republicans originally masked this plan to be about saving Wisconsin jobs, we now head into next week with talk of bills– that I and my Democratic colleagues have not been able to read or prepare for– that strip the Governor-elect’s powers, threaten changes to pre-existing coverage protections, codify unjust voter ID stipulations, plan to move the 2020 presidential primary for partisan gain, and more. We must be resolved to hold the Republicans accountable for this abuse of power.”

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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.