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## Melissa Sargent Announces Endorsement from Andy Gronik

MADISON– Melissa Sargent (D-Madison) released the following statement announcing an endorsement from Andy Gronik, for her candidacy for Wisconsin's 16th Senate District:

"Today I am proud to announce an endorsement from former-gubernatorial candidate and business leader Andy Gronik," said Sargent. "Andy is a respected entrepreneur and community leader, and I am honored to have his support in my candidacy for the 16th Senate District".

Andy Gronik is an experienced business adviser, consultant, and nonprofit founder. In 2008, Gronik founded AccuVal Associates, an appraisal and consulting firm that he grew to one of the largest firms of its type in the world by helping struggling manufacturing companies solve complex problems so they could grow and create jobs. In 2014, Gronik founded consulting firm GroBiz, LLC, to help companies of all types and sizes grow bigger and grow better. And, in 2016, he founded a nonprofit organization, StageW, to help bridge the political divide by advocating pragmatic plans that benefited the people and taxpayers of Wisconsin. In his campaign for Governor, Gronik was a dedicated candidate who inspired voters across Wisconsin. His campaign centered on reaching out to voters across the state and listening—building grassroot connections and seeking solutions to the issues Wisconsinites care about.

"Melissa Sargent is a voice for the people, and she has always centered her work as a lawmaker on pragmatic policies that reflect the will of Wisconsinites. It has been an honor to get to know Melissa over the years and to see her being a leader in areas including firearm reforms, fighting for working families, and clean and transparent government, " said Gronik. "It is my pleasure to support Melissa as she takes a step forward in serving our state," Gronik continued.

"During his candidacy for governor, I was impressed by Andy's leadership and ability to bring together and listen to diverse ideas and constituencies. I am proud to have Andy's support," said Sargent.

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Born and raised in Dane County, Melissa served on the Dane County Board prior to being elected to represent the 48th Assembly District. Before her start in politics, Melissa owned a small business and worked in the private sector. Concern for the greater community and a vision for a better Wisconsin brought her to public service and community activism. She is a proud mother of 4 boys, and lives on Madison's northside.