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## Melissa Sargent Announces Endorsement from Julia Arata-Fratta

MADISON– Melissa Sargent (D-Madison) released the following statement announcing an endorsement from Fitchburg Alder Julia Arata-Fratta for her candidacy for Wisconsin's 16th Senate District:

"Today I am proud to announce an endorsement from Alder Julia Arata-Fratta," said Sargent. "Julia is a dedicated representative for the Fitchburg community, fighting for economic prosperity, community safety, and inclusion, and I am grateful for her support."

Alder Julia Arata-Fratta has served the city of Fitchburg since 2015. She is Chairwoman of the Community & Economic Development Authority (CEDA) and the Co-Chair of Forward Fitchburg. As the Chairwoman of the Finance Committee and member of the Plan Commission, she has worked tirelessly to ensure Fitchburg makes smart financial decisions while continuing to grow and offer more public services.

"It is my honor to endorse Melissa for the Wisconsin Senate because she is a champion for women rights, an inclusive public servant, and she has proven to be a leader that gets things done. I am confident that Melissa will deeply care for Fitchburg issues and its residents' needs," said Arata-Fratta.

"It is truly an honor to be endorsed by Julia" Sargent said. "Julia's work on behalf of the city of Fitchburg has been instrumental, and I am grateful for Julia's support for my candidacy for the 16th Senate District".

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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.