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Senator Taylor Calls for Extension on Utility Moratorium

(MADISON) – Today, Senator Lena Taylor (D-Milwaukee) is calling on WE Energies and Utility Companies in the state, to extend their April 15th deadline that typically ends the seasonal protection from utility disconnection. As the temporary financial constraints of COVID-19 impact Wisconsin families, many may be unable to pay their utility bill. In recognition of the wide ranging and unintended consequences of Coronavirus, Senator Taylor released the following statement:

“As we continue to learn from other cities and states the measures about the measures, they are taking to address issues connected to the Coronavirus, I appreciated an action referenced by Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms. The City of Atlanta has asked the local utility companies not to disconnect customers for non-payment during the Coronavirus outbreak. My thoughts immediately went to the upcoming end to Wisconsin’s coming utility moratorium.

With school closings, families are going to have increased expenses. With social-distancing, business may temporarily lay off workers. Bottom line, we know there will be financial unintended consequences of the Coronavirus. While federal and state governments work out assistance plans to aid impacted residents, I am asking our local business community to think about how they can be of assistance.

Therefore, I am requesting the WE Energies extend their moratorium to at least May 15th. I am hopeful that many of the initiatives crafted to assist residents will be available by then and residents will be able to meet their financial obligations. We must think of every possible way to help Wisconsin residents during this time. I am hopeful that WE Energies will share that belief.”