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## Melissa Sargent Announces Endorsement from Mary O'Connor

MADISON– Melissa Sargent (D-Madison) released the following statement announcing an endorsement from Monona Mayor Mary O'Connor for her candidacy for Wisconsin's 16th Senate District:

"Today I am proud to announce an endorsement from Mayor O'Connor," said Sargent. "Mary has been a great asset for Monona, and I especially respect her leadership during this difficult time."

Mary O'Connor is the mayor of the City of Monona. In 2013, O'Connor retired from her position as librarian for UW-Extension, where she managed the Cooperative Extension Media Collection. A long-time community volunteer, she has served for several years as president of Monona Library Board and was elected to the Monona City Council in 2012. In 2017 she was elected Mayor of Monona and was re-elected in 3019.

"Melissa Sargent is the leader we need to keep us moving forward as a state," said O'Connor. "Despite this difficult time, Melissa has continued to make working for our families her priority. I fully support her and look forward to working with her as the next Senator from District 16."

"It is my honor to be endorsed by Mary," said Sargent. "Mary's steadfast leadership to her community and her support for my campaign truly means a lot."

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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.