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Another Commission: Here We Go Again

(MADISON) – Today, Senator Lena Taylor (D-Milwaukee) released the following statement upon learning of Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett’s announcement that he is creating a Commission on Police Accountability and Reform.

“We have a Fire and Police Commission (FPC). We also have a 2017 DOJ Report that identified 9 problems areas for MPD. We also have the Community Collaborative Committee (CCC), which was supposed to talk to the community and develop recommendations and solutions to propose to the Common Council, in response to the DOJ Report.

Why is Barrett creating yet another layer of bureaucracy? We don’t need another commission. We need an administration that knows how to build on the system we have, make improvements and adjustments that reflect the needs of the city, and who is prepared to lead on these issues today, not in 90 days. We already know what the problems are. The real questions are when do we have people committed to solving them.”