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WITH THE NATION WATCHING, REPUBLICANS GIVE UP ON GOVERNING, REFUSE TO TAKE ACTION

MADISON – Today, Republicans in the Wisconsin State Legislature refused to act on Governor Evers special session on justice reform and policing in Wisconsin. Republicans did not take up any of the nine pieces of legislation the governor is proposing and has called for immediate action on since George Floyd was murdered in May. Assembly Democratic Leader Gordon Hintz (D-Oshkosh) released the following statement on this failure to govern:

“Republicans have given up on governing for this session despite serious issues facing our state. Every two years, the legislature is elected to, and is responsible for, taking on the challenges in front of us. This year, we have seen a global pandemic, economic uncertainty, and social unrest. The shooting of Jacob Blake at the hands of a police officer has once again made clear the need to address the forces that disproportionately impact Black lives. The problem and the urgency to address it are not going away.

“The governor’s call for a special session was an opportunity to move forward in a bipartisan manner. Instead, Republicans refused to act. This is a cynical action, especially when recognizing the nationwide momentum for real change. This session, Assembly Democrats have introduced proactive proposals aimed at addressing inequities in our current system. These bills, and the bills from the special session, would work to address the root issues, rather than putting together another task force that will only delay action that is urgently needed.”

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