



For Immediate Release

August 5, 2020

Contact: Grace Lacke, 608-284-8746, keldaforsenate@gmail.com

## Plumbers, Operating Engineers Endorse Kelda Roys

**Madison, WI** - Today, Kelda Roys' campaign for state senate announced two more union endorsements, the **Plumbers' Union** Local 75, and **Operating Engineers** Local 139. In a letter to the campaign announcing their endorsement, **Terrance McGowan**, President/Business Manager of the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 139, said:

"[Kelda's] interest in improving the state's economy so that working men and women can get back to work in family supporting jobs is greatly appreciated by our members. We look forward to working with [Kelda] to help save and create new jobs, especially in the area of improving the state's vital infrastructure."

"Kelda Roys is the clear choice for voters who care about workers' rights, economic justice, and organized labor," said campaign manager **Grace Lacke**. "Kelda's leadership on issues of economic justice is unparalleled, from opposing Act 10 to supporting a \$15/hr minimum wage and BadgerCare for All."

Roys is endorsed by groups representing more than 2 dozen labor unions, including SEIU, Steelworkers, Laborers, and the Building Trades. In addition, Roys has the support of nearly every current and former state legislator that has weighed in on the race, including both sitting state representatives in the district. This week, Roys earned strongly worded endorsements from both the Wisconsin State Journal, and Capital Times' opinion editor Jessie Opoien. More endorsements can be found at [keldaroys.com/endorsements](http://keldaroys.com/endorsements).

###

*Roys is running for the open State Senate district being vacated by the retiring Sen. Fred Risser. A Madison native, Kelda Roys, 41, is an experienced legislative leader, attorney, small business owner, and health care advocate. As a State Representative and Assembly Democratic Caucus Chair, she helped lead the opposition to Act 10, Scott Walker's 2010 attack on unions. Roys and her husband, Dan Reed, live in the 26th Senate District with their four girls.*