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It's Way Past Time for the Assembly to Get Back to Work

Oconomowoc, WI – Melissa Winker, the Democratic candidate for Assembly District 38, calls on Speaker Robin Vos and the Republican leadership to meet in session to address the dual crises facing our state: the COVID-19 pandemic and community demands for police accountability reform.

“The time has come for our state lawmakers to act. The Assembly has not met in session since April 15 when it finally passed COVID relief measures. Since adjourning, the Republican leadership has actively engaged in fighting public health measures using lawsuits and political pressure campaigns. This week, in the wake of the Kenosha police officer shooting of Jacob Blake on Sunday, Speaker Vos created a task for on racial disparities and has shown no indication that he will honor the Executive Order to convene the Assembly. Time is of the essence. The legislature must come together, deliberate, and act on specific proposals that have been carefully presented months ago by fellow lawmakers. And with a horrific incidence of white vigilante murder by gun violence in the mix, we must show the nation that our state will not be divided by racist ideology. We must work together for the good of the people.”

Gov. Tony Evers has issued an Executive Order requesting that the Legislature convene on Monday, August 31st, to consider nine bills on police accountability and transparency.

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