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Sen. Roys: “Wear a Mask to Save Lives and Livelihoods”

Madison – Today, the State Senate is expected to pass Senate Joint Resolution 3 (SJR3), which would eliminate the state’s mask requirement. Senator Kelda Roys issued the following statement:

“Today, Republican State Senators will likely vote to end Wisconsin’s mask requirement, severely hampering Wisconsin’s ability to slow the spread of the deadly coronavirus.

“After nearly 10 months of GOP inaction and infighting, Senate Republicans offered a meager proposal a few weeks ago that will do little to help struggling families and small businesses and even less to curb COVID. Yet Assembly Republicans couldn’t even agree on that.

“Apparently the only thing Senate and Assembly Republicans can agree on is that they want death rates to climb and to prolong the economic devastation of this pandemic. That will be the outcome of overturning public health rules regarding mask-wearing.

“Make no mistake: today’s action is a gift from Senate Republicans to the coronavirus. It’s a vote in favor of overwhelmed hospitals, for more death and despair. Healthcare organizations and frontline workers are begging Wisconsinites to wear masks, especially as we face a new highly contagious strain of coronavirus. But legislative Republicans -- many of whom refuse to wear masks themselves -- are hellbent against anything the Governor does to save lives. This is as disgraceful as it is tragic.”

To protect the health of her colleagues, staff who work in the capitol, her constituents, and her family, Senator Roys will participate virtually in the senate’s session.