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Republicans Rig the System rather than Helping the People of Wisconsin

MADISON - Today, the State Senate voted on bills that would harm Wisconsin's ability to participate in our democracy and take away vital benefits for those who are unable to return to work. Senator Melissa Agard (D-Madison) released the following statement:

"Government works best when it is working for the betterment of its people. This is not what we saw today in session. My republican colleagues showed today that they are more interested in serving outside influences rather than their own constituents - they are more interested in rigging the system in their favor than helping ordinary Wisconsinites.

"The Republicans' goal today was to rig the system so it is harder to participate or interact in our shared democracy. The election bills we voted on today make it harder for voters - especially seniors and individuals with disabilities - to make their voices heard. The bills aimed at taking away unemployment benefits will not bring people back to work. We need to invest in the basics; affordable child care, family friendly housing, public transportation and worker training to make the workforce more accessible to all Wisconsinites.

"The senate session today did not help the people of Wisconsin. We need to step up and start doing the work of the people."

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