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Rep. Cruz and Assembly Democrats Push Optimism with an Economic Justice Bill of Rights while Assembly Republicans Push Cruelty

MADISON – Today, Representative Angelina Cruz, along with Representatives Hong, Tenorio, Clancy, Cruz, Madison, Phelps, and Vining, along with community members and advocates, reintroduced an Economic Justice Bill of Rights. This resolution outlines economic rights that all Wisconsinites deserve, including but not limited to:

- 1. A job that provides dignity at work and pays a living wage;
- 2. Adequately funded public education and affordable, accessible child care;
- 3. A union, public or private, and collective bargaining;
- 4. Affordable, accessible, and comprehensive high-quality health care;
- 5. A clean, sustainable environment and healthy planet;
- 6. Decent, sustainable community infrastructures including safe, affordable housing, transportation, and broadband;
- 7. Equitable access to capital, investments, financial institutions, and retirement;
- 8. A fair, restorative, and equitable justice system;
- 9. Recreation and participation in community and civic life; and
- 10. Life, self-determination, and freedom from oppressions for all Wisconsinites regardless of documentation status

Later in the day on the assembly floor, Republicans pushed through several bills designed to target Wisconsin's transgender and nonbinary community.

Following the end of the floor session, Rep. Cruz released the following statement:

"While it is disappointing Republicans are choosing to demonize children and their families, I was proud to stand with my Democratic colleagues today with a vision for our state where everyone is welcome and has the opportunity to thrive.

"The difference in priorities could not be more clear. Whether it is fully funded schools, access to jobs that pay a living wage, collective bargaining rights, or affordable housing, we need to focus on the values of Wisconsinites in order to build safer and stronger communities for everyone."

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Representative Angelina Cruz was elected in the 2024 general election. She represents the 62nd Assembly District, covering parts of Racine, Wind Point, North Bay, Caledonia, and Mount Pleasant.