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State Rep. Mayadev is Fighting to Protect the Transgender Community from Violence and Hate Crimes

Madison, WI – Today, the Wisconsin State Assembly voted on a series of anti-trans bills championed by Republican Assembly members. While Wisconsin families are managing real challenges such as limited healthcare access, high grocery prices, and underfunded public schools, the Chamber has wasted the taxpayers' dollars by passing legislation that doesn't solve any of the many problems facing Wisconsinites.

State Representative Renuka Mayadev (D-Madison) released the following statement opposing the harmful legislation:

"We must protect our transgender community from violence and hate crimes. We know that the bills that were introduced and passed by the Republicans today do only one thing: jeopardize the safety and security of our most vulnerable. Even with the mere introduction of anti-trans legislation, our LGBTQ+ community experiences an increase in violence and hate crimes.

"Every Wisconsinite deserves to live with dignity, free from discrimination and to make medical decisions without the interference of politicians. As a Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care Committee member, we heard hours of testimony from Wisconsinites who needed the life-saving care of medical professionals. We know that the anti-trans agenda pushed by my Republican colleagues is solely focused on playing political games with the health and welfare of our families."

"I stand with Wisconsin's families and will fight to ensure that every child, every family, and every person in our state is safe to make their medical decisions in consultation with their health professionals. The attempt to criminalize medical professionals caring for their patients has no place in Wisconsin."

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