

More Funding Cuts Wrong for Milwaukee, State

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MADISON - On Tuesday, June 7, Rep. **Janel Brandtjen** (R-Menomonee Falls), issued a press release calling for “funding cuts to Milwaukee until policies change.” Rep. Brandtjen claimed that this was necessary because of crime spilling over from the city of Milwaukee into its suburbs.

In her comments, Brandtjen called out Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett, saying “Mayor Barrett may not care about the safety of his family but I certainly do care about mine.”



Rep. **Dana Wachs** (D-Eau Claire) issued the following statement in response to the comments made by Rep. Brandtjen:

“I am appalled but not all that surprised by the offensive comments made by Rep. Brandtjen. Instead of investing in our flagship city, she and her Republican colleagues continue to ignore it and make disparaging comments about it without recognizing its importance and true potential. Instead of directing comments at Mayor Barrett, including tasteless comments about his family, perhaps she should look at how her colleagues in the Legislature and Governor Walker have treated Milwaukee. While we all recognize the value and importance of public safety, we also need to understand that Republican policies regarding education and economic development have not helped our flagship city.

“In Eau Claire we have a unique perspective on how a state should invest in its key Metropolitan areas. We only have to look an hour or so west to see how Minnesota has invested in the Twin Cities. Once again, I think that my colleagues like Rep. Brandtjen should follow the example of Minnesota instead of using scare tactics and threats. We need to invest in Milwaukee and its infrastructure as that city is critical.”