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Madison, WI – Wednesday, the Republican-controlled Senate passed several pieces of legislation which would limit access to safe, legal abortion, contraceptives, and reproductive freedom. After the session, Senate Democratic Leader Janet Bewley (D-Mason) released the following statement:



“Today was another missed opportunity for Senate Republicans to pass legislation that actually helps the wellbeing of children and families in our state. We could have voted on meaningful policy for Wisconsin mothers and infants, such as the proposed Birth Equity Act. Instead, the Republican majority once again chose to play politics with the health of Wisconsin women.

“These bills blatantly ignore science and give credibility to false, unsafe, and inflammatory rhetoric, posing great danger to those seeking abortion care. Wisconsin is regarded as one of the worst states for maternal and child health outcomes. These bills would make the problem worse by shutting down clinics and limiting options for reproductive health.

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“The bills passed today represent how unwilling Republicans are to believe their own constituents. The vast majority (79%) of Americans support legal abortion, but Republicans choose to appease their base.

“I am thankful that Governor Evers will veto these horrendous bills. However, I am equally disheartened that the majority party ignores their own constituents and wastes time creating theater of the absurd.”