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MADISON, Wis. — Following Justice Ann Walsh Bradley's announcement that she will retire at the end of her current term,

Democratic Party of Wisconsin Chair Ben issued the following statement:

"Justice Ann Walsh Bradley stands as a giant on the Wisconsin Supreme Court, having embodied for nearly 30 years the best of Wisconsin—with a deep commitment to fairness and a profound respect for the law and our Constitutional rights. On the Court, Justice Bradley fought through the extraordinary challenges of right-wing majorities determined to rubber-stamp opinions to the benefit of wealthy special interests with purpose and clarity. Today, in no small part due to her stubborn commitment to our state's highest judicial traditions, democracy is seeing a new day in Wisconsin.

"Wisconsinites have sent a resounding message in the last two Supreme Court elections that they want justices shaped in the mold of Ann Walsh Bradley. Even without her name on the ballot next April, we are confident that the vision and tradition embodied by Justice Bradley will continue on the Court and prevail at the ballot box, and we are committed to fighting off any extremist attempts to retake this seat. We are deeply grateful for Justice Bradley's many years of dedicated service to our state, and wish her the best in her well-earned retirement."