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MADISON, Wis. – Tuesday, President Biden and Vice President Harris forcefully advocated for the Senate to pass the Freedom to Vote Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act — two critical pieces of federal legislation that will assert our nation's commitment to free and fair elections while protecting Americans' right to vote.

Following the speech, Governor Tony Evers released the following statement:

"The right of every eligible voter to participate in our elections isn't partisan, it's a fundamental piece of our democracy that we have to protect. That's why we've done the right thing and stopped partisan attempts here in Wisconsin that would make it harder for people to participate in our elections, particularly seniors, communities of color, and those with disabilities. Unfortunately, the right to vote is under attack across the country. By defending voting rights at the federal level, President Biden and Vice President Harris are reaffirming the values that define America. It's time for every member of Congress to join in this commitment and pass federal legislation that protects voting rights."

Democratic Party of Wisconsin Chair Ben Wikler released the following statement:

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“President Biden and Vice President Harris are fighting to protect the very essence of American democracy: the right for every eligible voter – whether Black, brown, or white; urban, suburban, or rural – to have their say in electing their representatives. It’s time for the Senate to follow their lead by swiftly passing both the Freedom to Vote Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, and to adjust the filibuster if necessary to do so.

“This federal legislation will be a lifeline for Wisconsin, where Republicans continue to systematically assault our election system. The GOP’s 21st Century Jim Crow laws – which seek to restrict who can vote in ways that disproportionately affect voters of color, young voters, and voters with disabilities – are an archaic way to suppress the voices of the most marginalized Americans. We applaud the President and Vice President for speaking out and taking action against these relentless attacks on voting rights.

“Governor Evers has stood strong in defense of voter suppression bills and partisan manipulation. This federal legislation will ensure that Wisconsin is home to free, fair, and secure elections – and it’s time for the Senate to act.”