

## Democratic Radio "Giving Thanks"

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MADISON – Today Rep. Melissa Sargent (D-Madison) offered the Democratic Weekly Radio Address. The topic this week is celebrating the season of giving thanks.



"The women and men who first settled our country nearly four centuries ago risked everything for a better, safer future for their families. Our country still carries this intrepid spirit and ethic of service." Rep. Sargent said. "Let us never forget to be thankful for all we have. Let us never take for granted the opportunities we are given. And let us never forget to help one another."

The audio file of this week's address can be found [here](#) , and the video can be found [here](#) .

A written transcript of the address is below:

"Hi, I'm Representative Melissa Sargent with this week's Democratic address.

"This week, families across Wisconsin gather together to give thanks. From Superior to Monroe, Thanksgiving is a time to celebrate the gift of community and the spirit of generosity.

"My family and I recently went on a journey that provided us the opportunity to cherish each other and be thankful for the moments we share together. My dad went into kidney failure this summer and was making regular trips for dialysis. We knew a transplant was on the horizon. The donor list was too long. There wasn't enough time to wait. After going through testing, we learned I was a match and a surgery date was set.

"Our surgeons told us after the fact that my kidney began working in my dad while he was still on the operating table. He seems like a new man now and he says he hasn't had this much energy in years. Donating life is an experience that will help shape the rest of our lives. It is a bond that cannot be broken.

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"Our story, is the story of Wisconsin. We step up when we are needed – without hesitation. In our great state, we cook casseroles for sick friends. We mow the lawn for an elderly neighbor. We cheer on the Packers – win or lose.

"This year, I am thankful that my dad is healthy and happy, and I am thankful that my family is all together to enjoy this holiday.

"The women and men who first settled our country nearly four centuries ago risked everything for a better, safer future for their families. Our country still carries this intrepid spirit and ethic of service.

"Let us never forget to be thankful for all we have. Let us never take for granted the opportunities we are given. And let us never forget to help one another.

"I wish each of you a Happy Thanksgiving."