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Hamilton applauds Senator Baldwin's Stronger Way Act legislation

**Statement from Common Council President Ashanti Hamilton
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Today I had the pleasure of attending a news event announcing new legislation that Senator Tammy Baldwin is introducing to fight poverty in America. Senator Baldwin's ***STRONGER WAY ACT*** is bold legislation to put real solutions in place to create opportunities for all. Transitional Jobs – something I and my colleagues have been focused on in Milwaukee for the past few years – are a central plank of Senator Baldwin's important initiative.

Additionally, the legislation was drafted after the Common Council passed a resolution during the last term urging our congressional delegation to act on the key issue of jobs and job creation.

A young man from Milwaukee who attended today's event spoke eloquently about how important it has been for him – for his quality of life, for his self-esteem, for his dignity – to have secured a meaningful transitional job. This is what the ***STRONGER WAY ACT*** can help do for more young men and women in Milwaukee, and it is why I am solidly supporting the initiative.

I would also like to thank the key local partners who helped make today's announcement possible – Community Advocates, the Council for Children and Families, the Milwaukee Urban League, and UMOS.

I invite my fellow citizens to find out more about the ***STRONGER WAY ACT*** and to urge its quick passage in Congress.

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