Washington, DC –Today, U.S. Congresswoman Gwen Moore (D-Milwaukee) made the following statement on the Census Bureau's report that nearly 43.6 million people in America are living in poverty – the highest number over the past 50 years:

"We've known that this recession and persistent unemployment are hurting our families, and this report clearly shows the impact. With one in five children living in poverty, we must act.

"While the private sector has been adding jobs consistently over the past months, it's just not happening fast enough. We're working to help small businesses expand and create jobs, and we recently passed legislation to prevent massive layoffs in cities and states across the country. There is still more that needs to be done to get us fully out of this recession.

"This report should be a wake up call to Congress as we debate extending tax cuts for millionaires and billionaires. We are in the toughest of times, and we need to get our priorities straight. I will keep fighting for people who are struggling every single day."

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