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Rep. Kitchens Attends Utility Aid Bill Signing

Madison – Today, Rep. Joel Kitchens (R-Sturgeon Bay) attended the signing of Senate Bill 252 (SB 252), a piece which passed both the Senate and Assembly last month with no opposition.

“I am very pleased that the governor chose to sign this bill,” said Rep. Kitchens. “Many local communities were looking at losing a large portion of their budget with no way to fill in the gaps. SB 252 helps areas already losing a sizable portion of their economy and allows local governments time to plan and recover.”

Rep. Kitchens co-authored SB 252 in order to address the growing problem of power plant closures in his district and across the state. Kewaunee County and the town of Carlton both face substantial losses to their budget due to the closing of the Kewaunee Nuclear Power Plant. Numerous coal and bio-mass powered plants around the state are scheduled to close around the state due to new EPA standards, which would have caused an abrupt loss of their utility aid and severe financial hardship. SB 252 extends utility aid payments to local communities losing power plants and gradually reduces these payments over a 5 year period.

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