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## Representative Kitchens Attends Rural Wisconsin Initiative Press Conference

**Madison**—State Representative Joel Kitchens (R-Sturgeon Bay) released the following statement regarding today's Rural Wisconsin Initiative Press Conference:

"I was happy to join colleagues today in the Assembly Parlor to announce the Rural Wisconsin Initiative broadband bill and other pieces of legislation. This bill will bring much needed relief to the areas that need it most. Providing adequate internet access is essential in this day and age, especially for tourist destinations.

"Reliable, high-speed broadband serves a greater purpose than just fast internet, it is crucial for expanding economic opportunity, healthcare services, agriculture, education and public safety. Workforce readiness is one of our top priorities this session. Building upon previous sessions' work towards improved broadband access is an important part of that.

"I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues to address this important need."

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