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Bill Will Provide Certainty for Economic Development

Madison – State Representative Joe Sanfelippo (R-West Allis) and State Senator Leah Vukmir (R-Wauwatosa) circulated a bill today that will help provide certainty for economic developments located in the Milwaukee community, specifically along Milwaukee’s Lake Michigan shoreline.

The bill establishes the shoreline in the city of Milwaukee according to a 1913 agreement between the Chicago and Northwestern Railway Company and the City of Milwaukee.

“Although prior legal challenges to the 1913 agreement have all failed, threatened litigation is preventing future development in lands west of the boundary and creating uncertainty for sites that have already been developed,” Sanfelippo said. “With large developments nearly non-existent and unemployment levels remaining high in Milwaukee neighborhoods, we must put an end to frivolous claims that become obstacles to job creation.”

This bill will allow the City of Milwaukee to open up additional land for economic development opportunities. Initial estimates have placed the proposed developments as increasing the city and county tax bases by more than \$18 million and creating over 4,000 family supporting jobs.

“This bill will have a tremendous impact on Milwaukee’s economic recovery, as well as the state of Wisconsin’s overall economic climate,” said Vukmir. “We cannot turn our backs on over 4,000 good paying jobs.”

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