



SHANNON ZIMMERMAN

STATE REPRESENTATIVE • 30th ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 4, 2017

Contact: Rep. Shannon Zimmerman
(608) 266-1526

Representative Zimmerman Supports Assembly in Approving Bills to Fight Substance Abuse

Madison, WI Rep. Shannon Zimmerman (R-River Falls) supported the overwhelming approval of nine bills which will empower the fight against drug use and addiction in Wisconsin. The package of bills will expand treatment options and prevention services for those in need, and will help address the rising opioid problem in Wisconsin.

“These bills will help those in need beat back addiction by expanding Treatment and Diversion programs, and improve access to wide-ranging addiction treatments, and medicine opportunities,” said Representative Zimmerman. “We must work diligently to increase the outreach of life-saving programs, and stop this epidemic from claiming our loved ones, friends and neighbors.”

According to the Wisconsin Department of Justice, prescription painkiller abuse is a public health crisis in our state. Drug overdoses are now claiming more lives than car accidents, and four out of five heroin users started with legal prescription drugs.

“This package of bills puts Wisconsin on a stronger and opioid-free path. I look forward to working hand in hand with the medical community, law enforcement, my fellow elected officials, and advocates as we work towards eradicating this epidemic,” said Rep. Zimmerman.

###