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REP. GARY HEBL STATEMENT ON DNR'S HIGH CAPACITY WELL DECISION

(MADISON) - State Rep. Gary Hebl (D-Sun Prairie) today expressed his disappointment in the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' quiet decision to not consider the effect high capacity wells will have on water levels when approving new well applications.

"It certainly is discouraging that the DNR has decided to adopt a stance that puts our state's natural resources at risk," Hebl said. "Equally concerning is that they did it so quietly and despite the objections of many Wisconsin citizens."

Hebl also said that he is concerned that this decision by the DNR will negatively affect tourism in Wisconsin if it harms Wisconsin's water bodies.

"Not only does this decision go against the Public Trust Doctrine of our State Constitution, it goes against Wisconsin's proud environmental heritage as well," Hebl added. "We should not ignore our state's obligation to preserve our waterways in favor of catering to special interests. I am worried that this decision may damage our state's tourism industry which relies heavily on the use of Wisconsin's beautiful natural resources."

"Considering the cumulative impact of installing multiple wells on a water body is common sense. I am disappointed in the DNR's decision, and I will fight to ensure that Wisconsin's natural resources are well protected."

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