



WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE

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Terry Hilgenberg
Chair
Wisconsin Natural Resources Board
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Dear Terry:

As the legislative delegation representing districts containing the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway, we are seeking your consideration to table item #3 on the August 2-3, 2016 agenda for the Natural Resources Board (NRB) until the October 2016 meeting in Madison.

3. Request approval of the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Master Plan

Residents of our districts, including members of the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board, have contacted us and would appreciate the opportunity to provide Citizen Testimony as offered on the agenda. **However, the residents of the Lower Wisconsin Riverway would be required to travel approximately 273 miles for a minimum of five hours – one way – to provide this input.**

The 273 miles to Ashland effectively disenfranchises our constituents from providing direct testimony on a plan that directly impacts them. More than five hours of driving – one way – will effectively silence the ideas, opinions and concerns of Lower Wisconsin Riverway Board members and other residents from this discussion.

As legislators for the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway area, several of us also plan to provide letters of testimony and input related to this plan prior to the meeting. Please advise as to your decision to revise the agenda and we will provide this input respectfully.

Again, thank you for your consideration of **our request to revise the NRB agenda for August 2-3, 2016 and to table the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Master Plan discussion until October.** Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Howard Marklein
State Senator
17th Senate District

Travis Tranel
State Representative
49th Assembly District

Todd Novak
State Representative
51st Assembly District

Lee Nerison
State Representative
96th Assembly District

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50th Assembly District

cc: Members, Natural Resources Board
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Mark Cupp, Executive Director, Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board