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REP. MURPHY LAUDS FERROUS MINING REGULATORY BILL

(Madison, WI) – State Representative Dave Murphy (R-Greenville) today voted in favor of the first ferrous mining legislation in Wisconsin, Senate Bill (SB 1).

"The potential for thousands of family-supporting jobs, the hope of the dignity of work for those now jobless, and combining economic development and environmental protection for success is a step forward for our state," said Murphy.

SB 1 is the final product of a bill begun last session to regulate ferrous mining. It specifically regulates ferrous mining, provides the certainty of an answer during the permitting process when companies begin working to obtain a permit, and leaves intact the state's air, groundwater and surface water standards.

"I spoke with both supporters and opponents of this bill," Murphy stated. "I heard from my constituents, people elsewhere in Wisconsin, and a variety of environmental experts. I've done research on my own since last session's bill was introduced. And I am confident we can responsibly mine while maintaining the beauty and purity of our natural resources."

Murphy said SB 1 now goes to the governor for his signature. Murphy serves as the Vice-Chair of the Assembly Colleges and Universities Committee and represents Wisconsin's 56th Assembly District.

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