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Wisconsin Senate Passes Mining for America Act

MADISON, Wis. – State Senator Tom Tiffany (R-Hazelhurst) released the following statement upon passage of Assembly Bill 499, the Mining for America Act, in the State Senate:

“Wisconsin has a rich mining history, but for the last twenty years the miner on our flag has been stuck in the unemployment line. Today, the Wisconsin State Senate voted to put the miner on our flag back to work. Passage of Assembly Bill 499, the Mining for America Act, ensures that our rich mining tradition can continue into the future and provide economic opportunity for northern Wisconsin.

“The Mining for America Act invites back a multi-billion dollar industry with a long and proud history in Wisconsin. Besides welcoming the great economic opportunity of mining, I set two goals for the final legislative product that I am pleased have been accomplished: not diminishing local control nor changing any of Wisconsin’s strict environmental standards.

“I worked with my legislative colleagues, the DNR, and conservation groups to develop a strong final product that can be signed into law. Thank you to my co-author on the legislation, Representative Rob Hutton (R-Brookfield), for his leadership in the State Assembly.

“Following today’s passage, Assembly Bill 499 is headed to Governor Walker’s desk for his signature. I look forward to the Governor signing the Mining for America Act into law.”

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