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Sen. Testin Seeks to Halt the Relocation of Sexually Violent Persons to Rural Counties
Legislation Seeks to Restore Language Vetoed from the State Budget

Madison, WI – Residents of the Town of Alban were shocked and dismayed this past January when it was announced that a Washington County judge would be placing a sexually violent person (SVP) in their town. A month later, a second SVP was also placed in Alban. Neither of these men were originally from the area, and the residents had no input in the decision.

This situation has repeated itself in several rural communities across the state. Senator Patrick Testin, Representative Scott Krug, Representative Bob Kulp, and other Central Wisconsin legislators are working to halt the practice.

“Rural Wisconsin should not be a dumping ground for big city violent sexual offenders,” said Senator Testin. “This legislation creates a process that puts the impetus for placement where it belongs - on the offender’s county of origin. My goal is to keep our communities safe”

Earlier in the session, Senator Testin worked with other legislators to insert similar language into the state budget, however, it was vetoed out because of its lack of fiscal impact. As a standalone bill, the proposal has a better chance of passage. It will be circulated for co-sponsorship until Friday, September 29th, then formally introduced.

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