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**Rep. Madison Introduces Bipartisan Legislation in Response to the Partial Parking Structure Collapse at Bayshore Mall**

MADISON - Today, Rep. Madison, Rep. Maxey, Rep. Donovan, and Sen. Larson introduced bipartisan legislation to require parking garages to have their structural integrity inspected every five years.

**Representative Madison (D-10) issued the following statement:**

“When the parking garage collapsed at Bayshore Mall last year, my first thought was how thankful I was that no one was hurt, especially after the 2010 Milwaukee parking structure incident which killed a 15-year old and injured two others. I learned that under current state law parking garages are not required to undergo periodic inspections after construction even though parking structures are exposed to the elements and heavy vehicle usage.

I engaged local and state stakeholders and subject matter experts to draft LRB 3158 which requires every parking structure in Wisconsin to be inspected at least once every five years. This would bring parking structures closer to the inspection requirements of bridges, which are currently required to be inspected every 2-4 years.

This is a common-sense bipartisan bill that closes an important gap in the law and ensures safety in our communities. I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to pass this bill into law in the final weeks of the session.”

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