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Rep. Andraca Introduces Legislation to Combat Climate Change

Madison, Wis. – Democratic lawmakers announced a legislative package to help the state better manage the growing impacts of climate change. The legislation builds on recommendations from Governor Evers' Task Force on Climate Change and comes a day after President Biden and Chinese President Xi agreed to accelerate the use of renewable energy to help reduce greenhouse gasses.

Representative Deb Andraca (D-Whitefish Bay) released the following statement:

"Today we set a bold vision for the future that outlines urgent actions our state must take to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and climate injustice. By investing in cleaner sources of energy, using energy more wisely, and teaching the next generation about the impacts of our carbon footprint, we can help mitigate damage and build resilience into our neighborhoods and our infrastructure."

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Representative Andraca is a lead author on the following bills:

LRB 0133 - Focus on Energy Funding Increase

Direct the Public Service Commission (PSC) to require participating investor-owned electric and natural gas utilities to contribute 2.4 percent (currently 1.2 percent) of their annual operating revenue from retail sales to fund the Focus on Energy program.

LRB 0119 - Model Climate Academic Standards

Support the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to create a model curriculum for schools to teach students the local and global impacts of climate change as well as individual and societal actions that can help address climate change.

LRB 0130 - Commercial & Residential Stretch Energy Codes

Require the Department of Safety and Professional Services to create a stretch energy code working group and allow local governments to adopt residential and commercial components of the stretch energy code that exceed the requirements of the current energy conservation code.

