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Rep. Lori Palmeri and Legislative Dems Release Comprehensive PFAS Legislation

MADISON, Wis. – Today, legislative Democrats released LRB-5352- comprehensive PFAS legislation to address standards for drinking water, soil cleanup, well testing, and much more. LRB-5761 was also released which creates a ban on products containing intentionally added PFAS. Rep. Palmeri released the following statement:

"Addressing PFAS contamination was one of the issues that drove me to run for state office. Today, I am proud to release legislation that provides a roadmap to begin addressing this widespread issue. Over 120 Wisconsin communities have already confirmed PFAS toxicity in their water. This number will only continue to grow as more testing occurs and addressing this problem will require state funding. In the 2023-25 State Budget a $125 million trust fund was created to address this contamination and legislative Republicans have allowed it to sit unused for nearly 8 months. Meanwhile in the Town of Campbell, Wisconsinites have been forced to drink bottled water for the last three years due to known PFAS contamination in their water.

"PFAS is not only a concern for drinking water but is often found in a wide range of everyday products we all use including food packaging, carpeting, cookware, dental floss, etc. Due to the pervasiveness of PFAS in everyday products LRB-5761 would ban products containing intentionally added PFAS.

"While legislative Republicans spent time debating protections for PFAS polluters, our comprehensive proposal seeks to prioritize our communities over corporations. The normalization of pollutants like PFAS in everyday items should be infuriating to us all. This legislation is about keeping families safe and providing peace of mind to Wisconsinites that the water they drink and products they use are safe for them and their loved ones."

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