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Special Interests Say Jump, GOP asks “How High?”

MADISON – Yesterday, Assembly Republicans passed AB 499, eliminating the bi-partisan “Prove It First” mining law that protected public health and natural resources with safeguards against harmful acid mining. They also passed AB 128, barring the Group Insurance Board from entering into a health insurance contract that includes coverage for abortion services, rolling back access to lifesaving health care for women. Assembly Democratic Leader, Representative Gordon Hintz (D-Oshkosh) released the following statement following yesterday’s floor session:

“The last seven years of Republican control in Wisconsin have been a windfall for out-of-state special interests, but a disaster for the people of Wisconsin. Yesterday, the Assembly met for the first time in months. Rather than focusing on the things that could improve our state, Republicans continued their pattern of corporate giveaways and extreme social policies.

“Attracting new talent to live and work in our state is one of the biggest challenges facing Wisconsin. We know that workers want to live in a state with good schools and strong communities. They want roads that aren’t crumbling and amenities like state parks. Instead of working to address these issues, the GOP chose to make ideological decisions at the bidding of special interest groups. The people of Wisconsin no longer trust the Republican Party to do what’s best for their families.

“Yesterday proved beyond a doubt that Republicans are no longer on the side of everyday Wisconsinites. They are simply waiting for the next out-of-state corporation to give them their marching orders.”

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