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Governor Evers Vetoes SB 312

MADISON, Wis. – Today, Governor Evers vetoed SB 312. Rep. Palmeri released the following statement:

“The Governor’s veto today sends a strong message. Legislation that lets polluters off the hook for cleaning up their contamination while Wisconsin taxpayers foot the bill is not acceptable. SB 312 severely limits enforceability measures for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) as well as their ability to test water on private property,” stated Rep. Palmeri.

“Addressing PFAS contamination was one of the issues that drove me to run for state office. 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 the past **280** days. That is 279 days too long for Wisconsinites. Instead of disbursing the funds, they have continued to push legislation that provides loopholes for polluters with few safeguards for the general public.

“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, I introduced SB 1093 which would ban products containing intentionally added PFAS.

“While legislative Republicans spent time debating protections for PFAS polluters, SB 1093 prioritizes our communities over corporations. The normalization of pollutants like PFAS in everyday items should be infuriating to us all. I am echoing the Governor’s call today for the Committee on Joint Finance to meet to release the funds so the DNR and communities can start addressing this statewide problem.”

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