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Reps Shelton and Snodgrass Call for Release of PFAs Funds

Two Democratic Assembly Reps from Northeastern WI support Governor Evers' veto and call for Joint Committee on Finance to Release Already Appropriated Funds

GREEN BAY – This afternoon, Governor Evers vetoed a GOP bill that would limit the authority of the DNR to test for and clean up PFAs chemicals in our state. Additionally, this bill would have given the polluters a free pass for the contamination they are responsible for. With \$125 million having been set aside in the Biennial Budget for PFAs contamination treatment and remediation as of July 2023, it is a GOP policy choice to attach strings to critical funding that they have already approved in the legislature. Wisconsinites deserve action on PFAs without any strings attached and without further delay.

Representative Shelton (D - Green Bay) released the following statement:

“On July 5th, \$125 million was approved through the legislative process to treat and remediate the issue of PFAs pollution in Wisconsin. Since then, there has been ongoing interference from Legislative Republicans looking to attach strings to this critical aid. With these forever chemicals in our household water supplies, lakes, rivers, watersheds, and even Lake Michigan, it is critical for the health of our communities that there is no further delay. As the GOP-controlled Joint Committee on Finance will be given yet another opportunity in the coming weeks to release these funds for the sake of PFAs remediation and future PFAs contamination, I hope my colleagues across the aisle finally decide to prioritize the health and well-being of Wisconsin.”

Representative Snodgrass (D - Appleton) added:

“Every Wisconsinite deserves access to safe, clean, drinking water and peace of mind that their state is working to reduce future risk of contamination. Today’s action from Governor Evers reaffirms Democrats’ commitment to ensuring reliable and safe water sources while holding forever chemical polluters responsible. With the necessary funds already appropriated, it is far past time that my colleagues across the aisle join us in taking serious action to address PFAs. Communities across our state have been calling for the release of these funds for months – it is time to put these already appropriated dollars to work and start addressing this crisis.”

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