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Rep. Hurd Takes a Stand to Protect Consumer Choice

Madison – Rep. Karen Hurd (R-Fall Creek) voted in favor of legislation protecting Wisconsin consumer choice in the sale and use of products based on their energy source.

The state of California has banned the sale of new vehicles with gas-powered engines by 2035, with other states already making the same commitment. Minnesota has proposed banning gas stoves, and even ice rink resurfacing machines known as Zambonis. Local governments across the country have also introduced bans on gas-powered devices.

“Whether it’s a lawnmower, water heater, or vehicle, it is up to the individual to purchase what is best for him or herself. This type of government interference is happening elsewhere, but Wisconsin Republicans will not allow it here.”

[AB 141](#) prohibits state and local governments from restricting the sale or use of an item based on its source of energy.

[AB 142](#) prohibits state agencies and local governments from banning the use or sale of motor vehicles based on their energy source. This applies to both gas and electric.

“Whether you choose natural gas, gasoline, diesel, or electric, it is the consumer’s choice, not the government’s choice. If the free market goes electric, or stays with fuel, it is not government’s job to decide. It is a matter of preserving the free market, ensuring reliable and affordable products, and protecting both consumers and manufacturers from government bureaucrats.”

The bills now head to the state Senate for consideration.

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The 68th Assembly District includes portions of Eau Claire, Chippewa, and Clark Counties including the communities of Altoona, Fall Creek, Augusta, Fairchild, Greenwood, Owen, Withee, Thorp, Cadott, Boyd, Stanley, the Town of Lafayette, and parts of Eau Claire.