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Rep. Katrina Shankland Celebrates Bipartisan Legislative Accomplishments

STEVENS POINT/MADISON- After a veto review period ending this month, the Wisconsin State Legislature no longer has any remaining floor periods scheduled in 2022, meaning that unless an extraordinary session is called and convened, the window of opportunity to pass legislation into law this year has closed. The new legislative session will begin in January 2023.

Rep. Katrina Shankland (D-Stevens Point) issued the following statement reflecting on the 2021-22 legislative session:

"In my time in the Legislature to date, I have authored and cosponsored over 1,700 bills, 161 of which have become law. I'm proud that I have authored more bipartisan legislation than most members of the State Assembly, successfully passing bills into law every session I have served under both Republican and Democratic governors, all while serving in the minority party in the Legislature. The cornerstones of these new laws have always been rooted in advocating for and uplifting our district and our community, and they are the result of working across the aisle and with partners from across the state to get meaningful results for all of us. When I reflect on this legislative session, I'm particularly proud that two bipartisan bills that I authored and championed for years were signed into law by Governor Evers: [2021 Wisconsin Act 115](#) and [2021 Wisconsin Act 223](#).

"Most recently, Governor Evers signed bipartisan water quality legislation I authored into law to provide much-needed support for farmers in taking preventative measures to protect our drinking water while strengthening farm resiliency. [Act 223](#) offers support to farmers who lower nitrogen leaching and utilize cover crops and will assist our local governments with resources to find and address contamination. This law will strengthen access to clean drinking water in Wisconsin.

"This is the culmination of work I began last session as Vice Chair of the Speaker's Task Force on Water Quality. Our bipartisan policy initiatives and persistent efforts to advance this legislation earned the support of nearly every agricultural organization and environmental group in the state. This wasn't the only policy the Water Quality Task Force started last session that was enacted this session: we also enacted \$5 million in funding for the Freshwater Collaborative to invest in research at the UW System and train a water quality workforce in Wisconsin, \$2 million for the state's well compensation grant program, \$1 million to expand the Clean Sweep program to clean up PFAS, an additional \$250,000 a year for farmers to manage water quality through producer-led watershed groups, and an extension of the Wisconsin Fund to help people repair their failing septic systems. Everyone deserves clean drinking water, and everyone wins when we can lower contamination levels, safeguard our water supply, and support farmers working to protect our water quality.

"It was also an honor to host the governor in Amherst last year to sign [Act 115](#), bipartisan public safety legislation I introduced and passed into law. This new law will help protect our first responders and roadside workers from reckless drivers through education, prevention, and enforcement. Working closely with the Amherst Fire District, we built a statewide coalition of legislators, firefighters, EMS, law enforcement, utility workers, tow truck drivers, and more in support of the bill over two consecutive legislative sessions. I am very grateful for everyone's hard work to make this new law a reality and help make sure all of our roadside responders come home safely.

"While not every bill I introduce makes it to the finish line, I believe in celebrating the wins and continuing to persist with creative strategies to pass bills into law. I'm very grateful for the opportunity to represent our community in the State Assembly and for the steadfast advocacy of our community members. Every bill I introduce reflects the needs, interests, and ideas of our district's constituents and our community. I'm as committed as ever to advancing our shared Wisconsin values by standing firm in my support for public education, our democracy, the rights of workers, nonpartisan redistricting, clean water and air, healthy communities, and more. I deeply appreciate the opportunity to represent you. Forward!"

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