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Rep. Shankland: Statement on the State Assembly's Final Session Day

MADISON – Today the State Assembly entered into its final 2015-2016 session day with an agenda filled with bills that sell out Wisconsin's public schools, natural resources, and democracy. In response, Rep. Katrina Shankland (D-Stevens Point) released the following statement:

"True to their actions all session, Republicans ended the year by selling another piece of Wisconsin to the highest bidder. Today the State Assembly voted to take away money from struggling public schools, endanger our lakes and wetlands, and make it easier for big water users to dry up lakes and streams.

"It's clear that the people of Wisconsin can no longer trust Republican legislators to look out for their best interests. In some cases, the constituents of Republicans pleaded with them not to move harmful bills forward – whether it was giving public school money to private schools or drawing down our water resources. But their pleas were ignored in favor of big-money special interests.

"Instead of abandoning their work just two months into the year, the majority party should lead on the issues that matter to the people of Wisconsin – meaningful relief for all student loan borrowers, a sustainable solution to our crumbling roads and bridges, investments in our public schools, and action to grow wages and create jobs. Assembly Democrats remain committed to these priorities."

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