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## **Rep. Katrina Shankland Named Wisconsin State Lead for the National Caucus of Environmental Legislators**

STEVENS POINT- Today, Rep. Katrina Shankland (D-Stevens Point) announced that she has been selected by the National Caucus of Environmental Legislators (NCEL) to serve as the 2022 Wisconsin State Lead. This position exemplifies a strong dedication to sound environmental policy in Wisconsin and a demonstrated leadership role within the Caucus. In this role, Rep. Shankland will work to coordinate relevant in-state events and grow NCEL's network of legislators to assist in advancing environmental issues.

"NCEL's State Leads are vital to promoting cross-state collaboration on environmental policy," **said Jeff Mauk, Executive Director of NCEL.** "Having a legislator in each state to help facilitate NCEL's work is invaluable, as they can introduce legislators to emerging environmental topics and facilitate introductions with peers across the country, creating new avenues for cooperation and sharing lessons learned."

**Rep. Shankland shared,** "As a long-time member of the National Caucus of Environmental Legislators, I have been very engaged in NCEL's trainings and conferences and have enjoyed learning from legislators from both parties and subject matter experts from across the country. What I've found most powerful about these opportunities through NCEL to connect and collaborate with legislators is sharing successful strategies and approaches to protecting our natural resources and advancing our conservation heritage. I'm honored to be named the 2022 Wisconsin State Lead for NCEL and look forward to building on this work."

"Everyone deserves clean air and water, a stable climate, access to public lands, and healthy wildlife, and these core values have always guided me, as our natural resources are among my top priorities in the Legislature. I'm excited by this opportunity to continue collaborating with like-minded partners from other states and to grow and strengthen bipartisan support for environmental policies here in Wisconsin."

Created by and for state legislators, the National Caucus of Environmental Legislators is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that organizes over 1,200 environmentally-committed state legislators from all 50 states and both major parties. NCEL provides venues and opportunities for lawmakers to share ideas and collaborate on their environmental priorities while embedding notions of equity and justice every step of the way.

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