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June 25th Legislative Update

We had session on June 22nd to cover a range of topics. Session lasted several hours into the night, while both parties had some disagreements, there were many topics we could agree on. I want to focus on three bills that will deeply impact our area.

Assembly Bill 20, my own bill, passed easily. AB 20 would bring Wisconsin in line with 32 other states by allowing 15 year olds to be eligible for a drivers learning permit. It also would increase the supervised driving hours from 30 to 50. This will help our young people learn how to handle inclement weather and give them more opportunities to drive in a rural or urban setting. It is still 100% voluntary, so parents or guardians must agree to allow their 15 year old to get their permit, but it is not required.

We also passed bills that regulate the labeling of meat, dairy, and milk products. Currently, plant based and 3D printed food can be labeled as burgers and meat. The same can happen with products that claim to be made of dairy and do not have a drop in them. It is important to protect the 'Dairy State' and to inform consumers of what they are purchasing. These products should be able to be sold, but should come with honest labels that serve the public.

Perhaps the most important bill we passed this week was relating to broadband. As our district continues to suffer a lack of affordable and quality internet, expanding broadband is a top priority of mine. AB 371 helps to clarify what an unserved area is for broadband grants. It ensures that rural areas that are actually in desperate need will have priority over other major cities and suburban areas.

While all of the issues we discuss are important, these are a few I felt you would like to be aware of. I will continue to provide updates on the legislative session and the upcoming budget discussions.

As always, feel free to contact my office with questions, comments, or concerns at Rep.Pronschinske@legis.wi.gov.

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