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**Rep. Billings Statement on the Signing of Steve’s Law**

Madison – Today, Governor Evers signed legislation introduced by Representative Billings allowing Wisconsin residents to use their state-issued identification card as proof of residence for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources GoWild System. Representative Billings attended the signing ceremony this morning with advocates and supporters of this important bill and released the following statement:

“I am thrilled that the Governor has signed my legislation to make outdoor recreation more accessible in Wisconsin. Steve’s Law is inspired by the work of Steve Johnson, a blind La Crosse resident and enthusiastic outdoorsman who passed away five years ago today. Steve was committed to the principles of inclusion and disability rights and he worked to move our state forward on issues impacting disabled Wisconsinites.”

“There are many reasons why a resident may use a state ID instead of a driver’s license, including disabilities that prevent a person from driving. By only allowing Wisconsinites to use their driver’s licenses as proof of residency in the GoWild System, our state has historically left out many people who do not have a driver’s license and limited the outdoor recreation opportunities of blind and visually impaired Wisconsinites. By simply allowing all Wisconsin residents to use a driver’s license or a state ID to validate residency, we have removed an unnecessary burden and taken a step forward to make Wisconsin a more accessible place.”

“I am grateful for the hard work of disability rights advocates with the Wisconsin Council for the Blind and Visually Impaired and Steve’s family, who joined me at the signing ceremony today. Their efforts have turned Steve’s policy idea into a real legal change. On the fifth anniversary of Steve’s passing, I am glad that today we have honored Steve’s life and legacy by enacting this important legislation.”

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