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DOJ Coordinates Prescription Drug Take-Back Program in Wisconsin *WI residents will turn in unused, unwanted and expired prescriptions for safe disposal*

Madison – This week, Attorney General Brad Schimel announced that the Department of Justice (DOJ) will spearhead and coordinate a prescription drug take-back program in Wisconsin. Rep. John Nygren (R-Marinette) released the following statement applauding Attorney General Schimel’s announcement:

“I am proud that the attorney general is focusing efforts on Wisconsin’s heroin and opiate epidemic. Until recently, the federal government coordinated “National Take-Back Days” once every two years through the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA). During last year’s Take-Back, our state ranked third in the nation in the total amount of prescription medications collected.”

Near the end of 2014, federal administrative code regarding drug disposal changed and the DEA announced they would no longer be conducting a drug take-back program.

“Moving forward, Wisconsin will be holding prescription drug take-back days on the state level facilitated through DOJ. This program is an important safety measure that will help to keep dangerous medications off the streets and out of the wrong hands.”

This session, Rep. Nygren will continue to build upon the seven bills that make up his HOPE Agenda to further fight Wisconsin’s heroin epidemic.

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