



WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE

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June 25, 2013

Governor Scott Walker
Room 115 East, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Governor Walker:

We are writing to ask you to veto budget language added by the Joint Finance Committee that modifies product liability law related to lead paint and would make it more difficult for victims suffering health problems to take legal action against lead paint manufacturers. This non-fiscal budget provision simply does not belong in Wisconsin's 2013-2015 biennial budget.

As you know, lead paint was manufactured and used in houses for decades. Today, a great number of these homes continue to be occupied in the City of Milwaukee and throughout Wisconsin. Many of the homes still standing that have lead paint are often older and have not been renovated to meet modern day building standards. We feel this budget provision disproportionately affects people of color, particularly in the City of Milwaukee, because many of the affected homes are in minority neighborhoods.

Last session, Senators Glenn Grothman and Scott Fitzgerald introduced Senate Bill 373. This bill sought to accomplish many of the changes outlined in this budget provision. Senate Bill 373 failed to pass committee and we feel this provision is only in the budget because it would never pass as a standalone bill.

Please stand up for the victims of lead paint poisoning and veto this budget provision. Your veto would allow these individuals to continue pursuing justice through Wisconsin's legal system, which is known for its integrity and fairness. Wisconsin's courtrooms should remain open, especially to those who have already successfully made it through the courtroom doors.

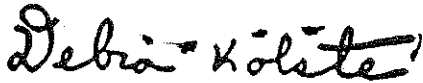
Sincerely,

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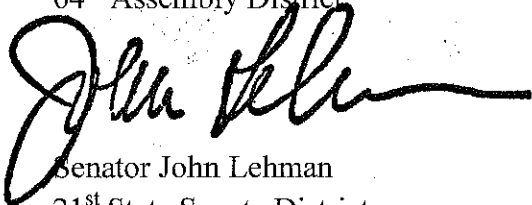
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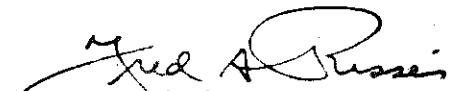
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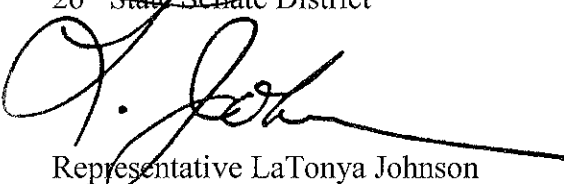
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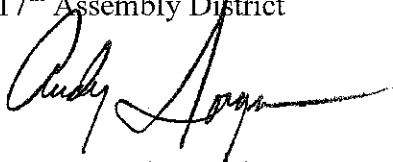
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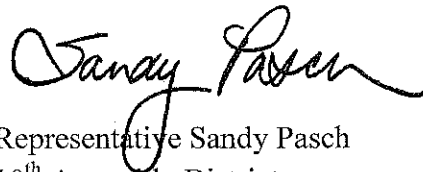
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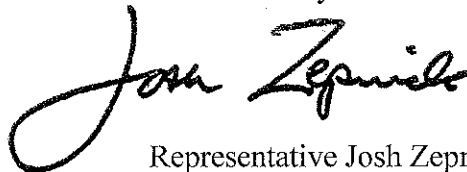
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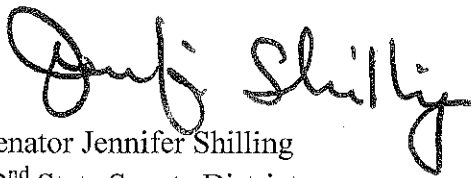
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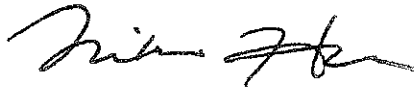
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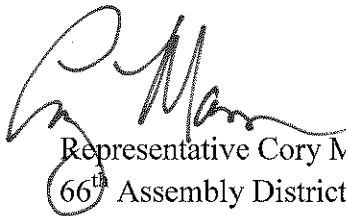
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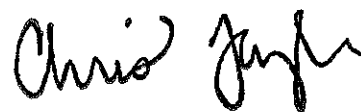
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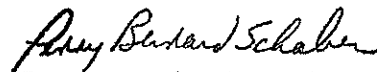
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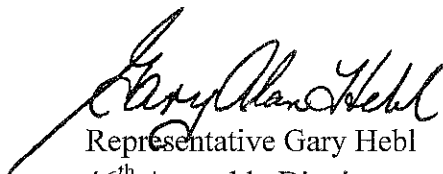
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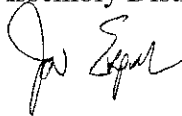
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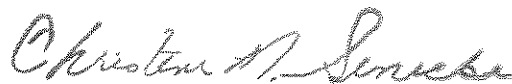
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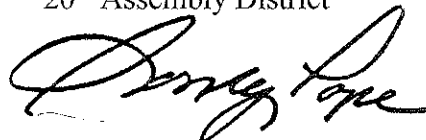
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