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## **NOT AN APRIL FOOL'S JOKE – EVERS VETOES FREEWAY SIGN**

### **First Freeway Sign Bill Veto in Almost 20 Years**

MADISON – State Senator Van Wanggaard (R-Racine) expressed surprise and disgust after learning that Governor Tony Evers vetoed a bill requiring the Department of Transportation (DOT) erect a sign on I-94 directing people to the Wind Point Lighthouse and Prairie School in Racine County.

“What an absolute insult to the people of Wind Point and Racine County.” Wanggaard said. “And you can tell Evers knows it, too. He hid the veto on Good Friday hoping no one would notice. He claims he wants bipartisanship? Baloney. This veto is disgusting and cynical and purely political. It makes absolutely no sense.”

Assembly Bill 603, co-authored by Rep. Bob Wittke (R-Racine) passed the legislature on unanimous voice votes. It is the first freeway sign bill to be vetoed in almost 20 years. During his terms as Governor, Evers has signed each of the 6 previous bills reaching his desk directing DOT to erect a freeway sign. The DOT did not raise any issues with the bill authors.

“Evers owes answers to everyone in Racine County. This veto directly targets eastern Racine County, and its tourism industry,” said Wanggaard. “The Wind Point Lighthouse and Prairie School aren’t controversial, they are state treasures. It’s vetoes like this that make people disgusted with Madison. And this one is all owned by Tony Evers.”

The Wind Point Lighthouse is one of oldest and tallest lighthouses on the Great Lakes, and is on the National Register of Historic Places. The Racine Prairie School is considered one of the greatest examples of Frank Lloyd Wright architecture in the country.

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