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**REP. HESSELBEIN NAMED SIERRA CLUB CHAMPION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL VOTES**

Rep. Dianne Hesselbein (D-Middleton) has been named a 2016 Environmental Champion for scoring 100 percent on important environmental votes, the Sierra Club announced today.

"The Sierra Club is proud of the champions who consistently cast votes to protect Wisconsin's environment, despite strong pressure in some cases to do otherwise," said Bill Davis, John Muir Chapter director. "These legislators have shown clear commitments to maintaining clean air, clean water and the unique places that make Wisconsin special. We are confident that they will fight to protect Wisconsin's environment, for our families and for our future."

"I'm honored to be named a champion by a group with such high standards," Hesselbein said. "I will continue to protect and improve Wisconsin's environment. I only wish that the votes I cast led to environmental successes. One-party rule makes environmental defense an uphill battle."

The 15 votes which made up the Sierra Club scorecard covered matters issues such as shoreland zoning, de-funding state parks, and high-capacity wells. One vote was directed solely at Dane County, to allow towns to withdraw from the Dane County Zoning Plan. Hesselbein opposed it, but it won a majority of votes and became law.

Hesselbein is among 34 members of the State Assembly to receive the Environmental Champion recognition. On the flipside, 42 members of the Assembly scored zero, not voting for any of the Sierra Club's pro-conservation legislation.

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