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Senator Hesselbein Statement: Gov Evers Releases Comprehensive Plan to Address PFAS in Wisconsin Communities

MADISON, Wis. - Earlier this year, Governor Evers approved \$125 million dollars in the state budget to address PFAS contamination across Wisconsin. However, as legislative Republicans continue to stall in their approval of a plan of how these funds will be used, the dollars cannot be allocated to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to help impacted communities. Today, Governor Evers and the DNR submitted a request to the Joint Finance Committee to release the full \$125 million, so the DNR can continue their important work addressing PFAS contamination.

Senate Democratic Leader Dianne Hesselbein released the following statement:

"I applaud the comprehensive plan put forth by Governor Evers and the DNR to address PFAS contamination in Wisconsin. Not only does the plan provide affected communities with grants to assist in their remediation and prevention efforts, but also funds for PFAS disposal and destruction efforts, in addition to public health intervention and research resources.

"As elected officials, it is our fundamental responsibility to protect citizens from harm. I urge the Joint Finance Committee to take swift action and approve the DNR's request. Every day that we wait is one more day that our communities and constituents are less safe."

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