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Senator Pfaff Introduces Comprehensive PFAS Legislation

La Crosse, WI – Today, State Senator Brad Pfaff (D-Onalaska) and legislative colleagues introduced comprehensive legislation to help Wisconsin communities address toxic PFAS contamination. Key provisions of this legislation include:

- PFAS standards for groundwater and drinking water
- New grant programs to assist local governments, organizations and private well owners test and clean up PFAS in their water
- Funding to help communities with PFAS contamination gain access to clean water supplies
- Resources to help communities with PFAS testing and clean-up
- Ban of non-essential PFAS products
- Uses the PFAS trust fund as a funding source for new PFAS grant programs

Senator Pfaff released the following statement on the legislation:

"Everyone deserves to feel confident knowing that the water coming out of their tap is safe.

"We can't wait for clean water. This is about keeping families safe in their own homes. Toxic PFAS chemicals are a threat to our health, economy, and communities – whether they are in our water or in everyday household products.

"Families in the Town of Campbell have been forced to drink bottled water for three years because their water has been contaminated with these toxic chemicals. Their kids can't take baths with the water coming out of their faucets because it contains PFAS. It is far past time that we ensure the people of Wisconsin have the necessary tools and resources to keep their water safe.

"We know that PFAS chemicals have been linked to many health problems including cancer and liver damage. This legislation is an opportunity to support families and give them the peace of mind that their kids are safe from exposure to these dangerous chemicals."

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Senator Brad Pfaff represents the 32nd Senate District, which includes La Crosse, Vernon, Crawford, and southern Monroe County.