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TOWNSEND ON CONCEALED CARRY

Townsend Replies to Minority Leader's Press Release

Fond du Lac – Responding to claims by the Assembly Minority Leader that he does not represent the interests of 52nd Assembly District residents when it comes to concealed carry, State Representative John Townsend (R-Fond du Lac) fired back that his position on the issue directly reflects his constituents' wishes.

“As of this morning, the constituents who have contacted my office on Senate Bill 403 – the concealed carry bill – are overwhelmingly in favor of overriding the Governor’s veto and giving Wisconsin residents an increased ability to protect themselves, their families, and their property,” Townsend said.

“I don’t know where Jim Kreuser is getting his numbers, but he must not be talking to the same people who are talking to me. I don’t need anybody from Kenosha to tell me how people in the Fond du Lac area feel about concealed carry.”

Townsend admitted that he originally voted against the concealed carry bill during the 2003 session based on an unpleasant experience he had many years ago, but he voted to override Governor Doyle’s veto following an outpouring of constituent contacts in favor of the bill. This session, constituent support for the bill in the district still remains strong.

“At last count, 77 percent of the constituent contacts my office has received from the 52nd District have been in favor of concealed carry,” Townsend explained. “I would not be doing my job as a representative if I ignored the expressed will – over three to one – of my constituents.”

Townsend also pointed out that Kreuser’s efforts would be better spent elsewhere.

“When the Assembly voted on Senate Bill 403 in December, six Assembly Democrats voted in favor of the bill, and five Democratic Senators have since voted to override Jim Doyle’s veto. It seems to me Jim Kreuser needs to worry more about keeping his own house in order.”

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