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## **Republicans Give Out-of-State Mining Corporation Their Gift Today Yet Another Fast-Tracked, Non-Jobs, Special Interest Bill Rubberstamped**

**Rep. Kelda Helen Roys (D-Madison) issued the following statement today following Assembly passage of the strip-mining bill on a party-line vote:**

“Today, Assembly Republicans continued their pattern of failed economic decision-making and special interest giveaways at the public’s expense. Republicans passed the bill, which we all know was tailored for the West Virginia mining company Gogebic Taconite LLC.

“Environmental experts have repeatedly voiced their grave concerns over this bill as written. This legislation decimates Wisconsin citizens’ right to clean air, land, groundwater, and waterways – allowing health-harming pollution and damage from toxic chemicals that are byproducts of large-scale iron ore strip mining. No environmentally or fiscally responsible legislator would support this bill in its current form.

“No doubt Republicans hope that this special interest giveaway will make up for their abject failure to address jobs and economic security over the past year. Wisconsinites are not fooled by this desperate attempt to distract them from the fact that our state is the only in the nation to see six straight months of job loss since Governor Walker’s economic plan went into place. Wisconsin is now ranked 45th out of 50 states in job creation – and now this bill will jeopardize our \$12 billion tourism industry.

“The corporate giveaways and pay-to-play mentality of this administration is scarring our state.”

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