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REP. SEVERSON: VOTES TO ALLOW PRIVATE SECTOR TO CREATE JOBS

Madison – State Representative Erik Severson (R-Osceola) issued the following statement after the state Assembly passed mining legislation that will allow the private sector to create thousands of jobs and infuse billions of dollars into Wisconsin’s economy:

“This bill is about getting government out of the way so that the private sector can create jobs. Previous administrations have tried to use government to create jobs, but it doesn’t work. We need to trust the private sector to do what they do best -- put people to work. I am proud to have supported its passage.

A recent study by the Frasier Institute surveyed 494 executives at exploration, development, and mining consulting companies and asked them to rate US States and various Countries by order of their policies towards mining. The study ranked Wisconsin 72 of 79 of places where they would want to do business. By making these changes, Wisconsin will be Open for Business.

The mining bill passed by the state Assembly Thursday will create a reasonable permitting process and timeline that doesn’t compromise environmental integrity and allow for the private sector to:

- Create **3,000 + construction jobs** and have a **\$2 Billion short-term economic impact** on Wisconsin’s economy;
- create **between 2,800 and 5,600 long-term mining jobs and have a \$600 Million to \$1.2 Billion annual impact** on Wisconsin’s economy;
- result in an **average pay and benefits package** for workers of **\$82,000**

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