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Representative Steineke Votes in Favor of a Working Wisconsin

Madison: The Wisconsin Assembly voted on Assembly Bill 426, also known as the Mining Bill. The bill modernizes current mining permitting regulations without reducing or redefining environmental protections. Representative Steineke (R-Kaukauna) issued the following statement regarding the vote:

“This bill allows for a mine that does not use dangerous chemicals, that does not weaken environmental protections or diminish the DNR’s ability to enforce this state’s commitment to conserving the natural beauty we enjoy here in Wisconsin.

“It creates 3,000 plus construction jobs at a time when construction jobs have been brutalized by the economy. A mine will create over 2,800 long term jobs that pay an annual average salary of \$82,000 with benefits. Wisconsin families want those jobs and we, as legislators, would be irresponsible to deny them these jobs.”

The bill passed the Assembly 59 - 36.

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