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REP. LITJENS: VOTES FOR DESPERATELY NEEDED JOBS IN WISCONSIN

Madison- On Thursday, Representative Michelle Litjens (R-Vinland) issued the following statement after passage of mining legislation that will spur the economy throughout the state:

“This bill is important not only to the residents of northern Wisconsin, but to communities all over the state with companies that manufacture the equipment that will be used. This is a huge win for the people of Wisconsin.

“This legislation streamlines the permitting process. It by no means guarantees a permit; it will simply add a timeline so the applicant is guaranteed an answer of yes or no.

“This bill does not change our clean water standards in Wisconsin. I have the utmost confidence in the Environment Protection Agency, the Army Corps of Engineers, and the Department of Natural Resources to ensure environmental safeguards continue to be in place.

“There are at least two companies in my district that will benefit from the economic impact of this mine. I am proud to vote for legislation that will allow private investment to create thousands of long-term positions, rather than short-term government sponsored projects.”

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