



Senate Democrats

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Weekly Democratic radio address: Drain the Special Interest Swamp in Madison, Not Our Lakes, Rivers and Streams

MADISON, WI – Senator Janet Bewley (D-Ashland) offered the weekly Democratic radio address today.

The audio file of this week's address can be found here:

<http://media2.legis.wisconsin.gov/multimedia/Sen16/bewleyradio041917.mp3>

A written transcript of the address is below:

“Hello, this is State Senator Janet Bewley with the weekly Democratic Radio address.

“Our memories can be short, but I’m guessing that most people haven’t forgotten our newly elected President’s pledge to drain the swamp of government corruption in Washington DC. Many of the people who voted for him had high hopes that the tide had finally turned and that ordinary Americans would have a champion in the White House. Even those of us who didn’t vote for him looked forward to the end of special interest giveaways.

“It’s still too early to tell if that optimism was misplaced. The outlook here in Wisconsin isn’t very good. Just two weeks ago, the State Senate voted to give corporate farms unchecked access to your groundwater. And it’s not just your groundwater, it’s your children’s and grandchildren’s as well. The bill allows high capacity well permit holders to keep pumping out large volumes of water forever.

“Instead of protecting your rights to safe drinking water or the public’s rights to enjoy our lakes and rivers, my republican colleagues sided with big business donors and insiders. The facts are clear, these high capacity wells are causing nearby lakes and rivers to dry up. How many of our friends and neighbor have to wake up to find nothing coming out of their tap before we do something?

“In honor of this Saturday’s Earth Day, I’m asking my colleagues to make a similar pledge – let’s drain the special interest swamp in Madison, not our lakes, rivers and streams. Let’s start putting people first, the special interests can take care of themselves.”

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