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## Two More Avoidable Accidents on Highway 23

**Madison** – *Over the past three days there have been two serious, head on collision accident on Highway 23. Seven people were sent to the hospital - including two with life-threatening injuries. In response, area legislators Senators Devin LeMahieu (R-Oostburg), Dan Feyen (R-Fond du Lac), Duey Strobel (R-Saukville) and Representatives Tyler Vorpapel (R-Plymouth), Terry Katsma (R-Oostburg), and Jeremy Thiesfeldt (R-Fond du Lac) sent a letter to the 7<sup>th</sup> District court of appeals. Here is an excerpt from their letter:*

“Unfortunately, the news of serious accidents occurring on Highway 23 is far from surprising. ‘Accident on Highway 23’ has become an all too familiar headline in the districts we represent. This two-lane stretch of highway averages an accident every 8 days. Many of these accidents could have been prevented had the expansion project been allowed to proceed.

The Highway 23 project is by far the most important issue on our constituents’ minds with almost universal support. We continually hear from local residents and the business community about the necessity of this expansion project and their overall safety concerns. Many share their anecdotal stories of near misses, a friend or loved one who has gotten into an accident on 23, or how they avoid the 19 mile stretch at all costs and choose to take less direct county roads for fear of their own safety.

It’s been nearly two years since Judge Lynn Adelman halted the Highway 23 expansion project and the case remains under appeal today. A full 4 lane expansion is vital to the safety of our roads and strength of our local economy. On behalf of the hundreds of constituents who have contacted our offices on this issue, we urge you to prioritize this important case. Thank you for your consideration.”

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