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Global Climate Strike Today
Follow Students' Lead to Protect Our Communities

MADISON — Today, people across the U.S. and around the world will strike to protest the failure to act against climate change. This strike will be the world's largest day of climate action in history, with strikes in over 150 countries. In Wisconsin, strikes are happening in communities large and small, including Madison, Milwaukee, Racine, and Green Bay. This movement is led by students and youth with a platform calling for the transition to 100% clean energy by 2030, respect for indigenous land and sovereignty, environmental justice, ocean and forest restoration, and sustainable agriculture.

Rep. Greta Neubauer (D-Racine) released the following statement in support:

"Today and every day, young people are leading in the fight against climate change. It is critical that we confront climate change head on as communities and as policymakers. The urgency of the climate crisis requires a new approach centered on equity and justice. The injustices we have seen inflicted on the most vulnerable, primarily poor people and people of color, through the extraction of fossil fuels will be magnified 100 fold as climate change accelerates."

Neubauer continued, "Wisconsin has been a leader on environmental conservation; it's time to take the lead once again and take action on climate change. We have already begun the work — Governor Evers has recommitted Wisconsin to the global climate fight, brought us into the US Climate Alliance, committed to the Paris Accords, and committed Wisconsin to 100% carbon-neutral by 2050."

"This is a beginning, but it is only the beginning," Neubauer concluded. "We must follow the lead of our young people, and press on in the fight for a just, equitable and sustainable future."

Rep. Greta Neubauer's legislative office, located in the Wisconsin State Capitol, will close in solidarity with the protests beginning at 11:30 a.m. on September 20, 2019. The office will reopen on Monday, September 23, 2019 for its regularly scheduled hours.

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