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“Toxic Tom” Tiffany Caught “Lead-Handed” *Senator sided with lead paint producers over sick children*

RHINELANDER, WI – Shocking new documents from an investigation into political corruption involving dark money special interest groups and Republican State Senators has put a spotlight on the questionable votes of Sen. Tom Tiffany (R-Hazelhurst). In 2013, Sen. Tiffany cast the deciding vote in favor of Assembly Bill 40 which included a provision shielding lead paint producers. The provision had been added to the bill after lead paint producers provided over \$750,000 in secret contributions to a dark money conservative group.

“Just like he’s sided with water polluters, “Toxic Tom” Tiffany has shown he cares more about out-of-state lead paint producers than the safety of Wisconsin children,” said Bryan Van Stippen, a candidate for the 12th Senate District. “Families want a leader who will stand up for our shared values and protect the health and safety of our children. Unfortunately, “Toxic Tom” Tiffany has made a habit of repeatedly ignoring Wisconsin families while siding with wealthy special interests who fund his campaign. Unlike “Toxic Tom” Tiffany, I won’t compromise my values and I won’t cater to out-of-state special interests or party bosses in Madison.”

Sen. Tiffany’s vote to shield lead paint producers follows a pattern of votes aligning with major campaign contributions. A pro-voucher school special interest group is spending \$380,000 to support Sen. Tiffany after he voted to cut state aid from local schools and shift millions more to the voucher program in Milwaukee and Madison.

“It’s no wonder why “Toxic Tom” authored the bill repealing John Doe investigations of political crimes,” added Van Stippen. “Clearly Sen. Tiffany knew what he was doing was wrong and didn’t want voters to learn the truth. It’s a shame he continues to sell out people of the Northwoods to benefit the dark money special interest groups pouring millions into our state elections.”

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