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Assembly Puts Drinking Water at Risk; Open-Pit Mining Bill Advances to the Senate

Madison – The open-pit mining bill, AB 426 advanced to the Senate on Thursday after passing the Assembly 59-36. The bill removes protections for human health by rolling back air, water, and land protections for the benefit of a single out-of-state mining company.

“The open-pit mining bill threatens to expose Wisconsin families to arsenic, lead, and mercury. The mining company is celebrating today, while Wisconsinites worry. It’s crystal clear who some “representatives” are representing. We urge Senators to remember their constituents and oppose this bill,” said Kerry Schumann, Executive Director of Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters.

Casting anti-conservation votes were:

AUGUST, Tyler (R-32)
BERNIER, Kathy (R-68)
BIES, Garey (R-1)
BROOKS, Ed (R-50)
CRAIG, Dave (R-83)
ENDSLEY, Mike (R-26)
FARROW, Paul (R-98)
FITZGERALD, Jeff (R-39)
HONADEL, Mark (R-21)
JACQUE, Andre (R-2)
KAPENGA, Chris (R-33)
KAUFERT, Dean (R-55)
KERKMAN, Samantha (R-66)
KESTELL, Steve (R-27)
KLEEFISCH, Joel (R-38)
KLENKE, John (R-88)
KNILANS, Joe (R-44)
KNODL, Dan (R-24)
KNUDSON, Dean (R-30)
KOOYENGA, Dale (R-14)
KRAMER, Bill (R-97)
KRUG, Scott (R-72)
KUGLITSCH, Mike (R-84)
LARSON, Tom (R-67)
LeMAHIEU, Daniel (R-59)
LITJENS, Michelle (R-56)

LOUDENBECK, Amy (R-45)
MARKLEIN, Howard (R-51)
MEYER, Dan (R-34)
MURSAU, Jeffrey (R-36)
MURTHA, John (R-29)
NASS, Stephen (R-31)
NERISON, Lee (R-96)
NYGREN, John (R-89)
OTT, Alvin (R-3)
OTT, Jim (R-23)
PETERSEN, Kevin (R-40)
PETROWSKI, Jerry (R-86)
PETRYK, Warren (R-93)
PRIDEMORE, Don (R-99)
RIPP, Keith (R-47)
RIVARD, Roger (R-75)
SEVERSON, Erik (R-28)
SPANBAUER, Richard (R-53)
STEINEKE, Jim (R-5)
STONE, Jeff (R-82)
STRACHOTA, Pat (R-58)
STROEBEL, Duey (R-60)
SUDER, Scott (R-69)
TAUCHEN, Gary (R-6)
THIESFELDT, Jeremy (R-52)
TIFFANY, Tom (R-35)
TRANEL, Travis (R-49)
VAN ROY, Karl (R-90)

VOS, Robin (R-63)
WEININGER, Chad (R-4)
WILLIAMS, Mary (R-87)
WYNN, Evan (R-43)
ZIEGELBAUER, Bob (I-25)

Casting pro-conservation votes were:

BARCA, Peter (D-64)
BERNARD SCHABER, Penny (D-57)
BEWLEY, Janet (D-74)
BILLINGS, Jill (D-95)
CLARK, Fred (D-42)
COGGS, Elizabeth (D-10)
CULLEN, David (D-13)
DANOU, Chris (D-91)
DOYLE, Steve (D-94)
HEBL, Gary (D-46)
HINTZ, Gordon (D-54)
HULSEY, Brett (D-77)
JORGENSEN, Andy (D-37)
KESSLER, Frederick (D-12)
KRUSICK, Peggy (D-7)
MASON, Cory (D-62)
MILROY, Nick (D-73)
MOLEPSKE, JR., Louis (D-71)
PASCH, Sandy (D-22)

POCAN, Mark (D-78)
POPE-ROBERTS, SONDY (D-79)
RADCLIFFE, Mark (D-92)
RICHARDS, Jon (D-19)
RINGHAND, Janis (D-80)
ROYS, Kelda (D-81)
SEIDEL, Donna (D-85)
SINICKI, Christine (D-20)
STASKUNAS, Tony (D-15)
STEINBRINK, John (D-65)
TAYLOR, Chris (D-48)
TOLES, Barbara (D-17)
TURNER, Robert (D-61)
VRUWINK, Amy Sue (D-70)
YOUNG, Leon (D-16)
ZAMARRIPA, JoCasta (D-8)
ZEPNICK, Josh (D-9)

Absent

BERCEAU, Terese (D-76)
FIELDS, Jason (D-11)

Legislators who did not officially cast a vote for the bill, but who wished to have their vote recorded: Anti-conservation vote: BALLWEG, Joan (R-41). Pro-Conservation vote: GRIGSBY, Tamara (D-18).