

Today Gov. Evers vetoed SB 312. In my opinion it was a bad bill made worse by multiple amendments which including the definition of “innocent landowner” which could cause residents to compete with industrial and corporate entities for money which has been set aside in the Gov. biennial budget.

Today we are no closer to accessing the \$125 million dollar trust fund which has sat idle since the budget was passed. I have called upon the Joint Finance Committee to release those funds so communities like ours who are struggling with the financial and health impacts of PFAS can make headway toward a permanent safe water solution.

The Governor vetoed SB 312 for three reasons:

It fails to create a mechanism to release the \$125 million dollars set aside for PFAS remediation in the state. It fails to uphold the DNR’s authority to hold polluters responsible for remediation. It forces communities like Campbell, Peshtigo and Stella to compete with commercial and industrial entities to share in the \$125 million PFAS trust fund.

I ask you to consider reaching to members of the Joint Finance Committee and tell them what it is like to live with toxic tap water.

We are still waiting on the PFAS soil test results from the AFFF spill at the Airport on Feb. 1, 2024. I have sent multiple emails to members of the Aviation board asking them to take all steps necessary to insure an AFFF spill or use does not occur.

Our request for a “sentinel” well to monitor both the upper and lower aquifers for PFAS is being reviewed by the DNR. They have signaled it is likely that it will be approved and it is possible the well drilling activity could commence as early as May 2024.

Davy Engineering continues to work with us on developing the engineering plans for a municipal system which is required to apply for state and federal funding. The project work plan, and budget narrative are in development. We have been approved for an initial cost share waiver for the \$1.6 million CDS. We intend to apply for the same for the recent \$2 million dollar award. I will take your questions.