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Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 7863
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RE: Request to Veto Senate Bill 312

Dear Governor Evers,

Wisconsin's Green Fire respectfully requests that you veto Senate Bill 312 (SB 312), a PFAS bill crippled by a poison pill.

With the introduction of SB 312, Wisconsin's Green Fire (WGF), along with scores of local groups and statewide associations, were hopeful that much needed financial aid, along with standards for contamination cleanups, would pave the way for helping citizens and communities harmed by PFAS.

However, WGF and other environmental groups opposed SB 312 because of provisions that limited the Department of Natural Resources' authority to use its long-standing contamination cleanup program (the "Spills Law") for PFAS. This program has been used for decades to make those responsible for hazardous spills and contamination liable for the cleanup costs. The "poison pill" provision in SB 312 does nothing to help in protecting Wisconsinites.

WGF and other groups worked tirelessly for months with the authors of SB 312 to address the poison pill. Those months of discussions and negotiations failed, and the result is a bill that was passed along party lines. SB 312 will not benefit the citizens of Wisconsin harmed by PFAS.

Sadly, for the sixth year, the Legislature has failed to help its citizens get clean drinking water and protective cleanup standards. Our hope is that you will veto SB 312 and that the Joint Finance Committee responds affirmatively to your letter asking for the release of the \$125 Million in the PFAS Trust Fund.

Thank you for your consideration of vetoing Senate Bill 312.

Sincerely,

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