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MIDWEST LEGISLATORS JOIN TOGETHER TO FIGHT GLOBAL WARMING

State legislators in seven Midwest states launched a multistate effort today to pass legislation to limit man-made emissions that contribute to global warming and climate disruption. Wisconsin legislators joined their colleagues in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, and Ohio to announce a combined effort to pass climate change initiatives. The Midwest region produces more greenhouse gasses than those of India or Japan, according to information from the Pew Center on Global Climate Change.

Last week, Rep. Spencer Black and Sen. Mark Miller announced the introduction of legislation to reduce the greenhouse emissions that cause global warming to 1990 levels. Black said the joint effort is good news for the prospect of global warming legislation in Wisconsin. "States must step forward on this issue in the absence of federal action. The Midwest emits a significant level of green house gasses and the Midwest and Great Lakes region will be greatly affected by climate change," Black commented.

"One state acting alone won't solve our problems, but if we work together, states can have a measurable impact limiting the amount of carbon dioxide we emit in the US," said Senator Miller. State governments in the Northeast, West Coast and the Southwest have already been working together to combat climate change.

Many of the legislators sponsoring the Wisconsin Global Warming Solutions Bill are active in the National Caucus of Environmental Legislators, which provides a forum for legislators concerned about the environment to work jointly on environmental issues.

"Working with colleagues in NCEL, we plan to stay informed about each state's activities and share our experience working to adopt these policies," said Rep. Sondy Pope-Roberts.