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Sen. Schachtner: Weekly Democratic radio address: Water and the environment

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MADISON, WI – Senator Patty Schachtner (D-Somerset) offered the weekly Democratic radio address today.

The audio file of this week's address can be found here: http://media2.legis.wisconsin.gov/multimedia/Sen16/schachtnerradio071218.mp3

A written transcript of the address is below:

"Hi, I'm State Senator Patty Schachtner with this week's Democratic Radio Address.

"As we head into summer, I learn to cherish our lakes, rivers, and water even more.

"As someone raised on a farm and a hunter, I understand just how important it is to invest in conservation and environmental stewardship.

"The natural beauty of our waterways attracts thousands of people across the nation to visit, bringing tourism revenue and friendly faces to our main street businesses.

"Conservation is crucial to our enjoyment of Wisconsin's natural wonders, safe drinking water, and our tourism economy – which brought in $12.7 billion in direct spending last year.

"Despite the importance of water, I am concerned we are not doing enough to

protect this crucial resource.

“Foxconn was approved to pump 7 million gallons of water each day from Lake Michigan, with about 2.7 million gallons being evaporated. Residents near lakes and streams are seeing water levels declining.

“Our friends in northeastern Wisconsin are concerned about the state of their drinking water, where fecal matter contamination is affecting many wells.

“And in municipalities across the state, more than 176,000 lead service lines exist, threatening our children’s brain, kidney, and blood cell development.

“In order to move Wisconsin forward, we need to prioritize communities and the natural resources we all rely on. That means investing in our water and our environment.

“Thank you.”