

Rep. Hesselbein: Office of Sustainability & Clean Energy is the right step forward

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MADISON – Today, Governor Tony Evers issued Executive Order 38 to create the Office of Sustainability and Clean Energy in Wisconsin. Assembly Assistant Democratic Leader Representative Dianne Hesselbein (D-Middleton) supports the Governor’s meaningful action to move our state forward towards a sustainable future.

“People around the state of Wisconsin are excited about the opportunities we have to create a more sustainable future in terms of clean energy. Just last year, the City of Middleton voted by huge margins to reduce the risks of global warming and endorse a federal carbon fee and dividend program,” said Representative Hesselbein. **“This was a clear directive from our community and I’m glad to see the state is following suit, because we all need to take sustainability seriously.”**

Executive Order 38 will create the Office of Sustainability and Clean Energy. The Office will be charged with, in partnership with other state agencies and state utilities, achieving a goal of ensuring all electricity consumed within the State of Wisconsin is 100 percent carbon-free by 2050 and ensure the State of Wisconsin is fulfilling the carbon reduction goals of the 2015 Paris Climate Accord, among many other important goals and initiatives.

“It was unfortunate when the gerrymandered majority in the State Legislature removed this proposal from the budget, however, it is the

right step forward for Governor Evers to act on behalf of the people of our state. I believe the Office of Sustainability and Clean Energy will become an integral part of our effort to combat the effects of climate change,” said Hesselbein.