

Rep. Hebl: Statement on Gov. Evers' action plan for PFAS contaminators

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(Sun Prairie) – Representative Gary Hebl released the following statement regarding Governor Evers' announcement that Wisconsin will [pursue legal action against contaminators](#):

The Wisconsin Legislature has unfortunately done little to combat PFAS contamination in Wisconsin. The Republican-led Senate and Assembly sent [just one bill](#) to Governor Evers' desk last session, which is simply not good enough. Even then, that one bill was recently gutted in the rules process by the Republican-led Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules (JCRAR).

Unfortunately, I think this may be the new playbook for Wisconsin Republicans: do just enough so they can claim they are taking action and then once the fanfare has died down, they can take the teeth out of any legislation through the JCRAR rules process.

That is why it is so important that Governor Evers has announced his action plan against PFAS contaminators. Polluters must be held accountable. The health and safety of the Wisconsin people is paramount, and any person or company that puts people's lives in danger must answer for that.

A recent Madison.com article stated that these PFAS “‘forever chemicals’ [are] linked to cancer [and] have been found in the Yahara River and all five of Madison's lakes.” This is no longer an issue we can ignore. This is an issue that affects people from all over the state. I applaud Governor Evers and Attorney General Kaul for taking action against contaminators.