

Rep Krug: Delivers weekly Republican radio address

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WEEKLY GOP RADIO ADDRESS: Rep. Krug on AB 682 – “The Mill Bill”

MADISON – Representative Scott Krug (R-Rome) spoke on this week’s GOP radio address on behalf of Wisconsin Legislative Republicans.

Growing up in Wisconsin Rapids gave me a firsthand perspective on how important paper mills are to our communities. The jobs at the mill, the businesses that survive off of the mill, and the quality of the community all help paper towns thrive.

When a mill closes you get another perspective. You see the moral dive, you see businesses that once lived off of the mill close, families relocate and the fiber of the mill town begins to fall apart. Assembly Bill 682 addresses that.

These mills like those in Wisconsin Rapids and Park Falls not only impact their local communities but have an impact regionally and statewide. A huge amount of wood cut from forests (public and private) was sold to these mills every year. Trucks would run constantly from the Northwoods of WI down to Wisconsin Rapids. Closures have devastated the entire northern forestry economy.

The legislature must act to help jumpstart the northern forest economy and the mill towns effected by closures. Thousands of jobs statewide depend on our ability to compromise, our persistence and our dedication to our constituent needs. AB682 (The Mill Bill) will do just that. New owners at the Rapids Mill and the Park Falls Mill can restore our communities and save the forestry industry in the Northwoods. Without this bill that likely won’t happen.

The Assembly Committee on Forestry, Parks and Outdoor Recreation will be holding

an Executive Committee meeting on Monday, November 8, 2021, to decide whether or not to recommend this legislation be heard by the full Assembly.

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OYg7nv7wkAk>