

Sen. Jacque: Again selected as national bipartisan group of conservation lawmakers' Wisconsin lead

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MADISON...Sen. André Jacque (R-De Pere) was once again chosen as the Wisconsin lead this year for a national group of state lawmakers working to advance a pro-environment and conservation agenda, the National Caucus of Environmental Legislators (NCEL) announced today. The position exemplifies a strong dedication to sound environmental policy in Wisconsin and a demonstrated leadership role within the Caucus.

“The environment doesn’t stop at state lines,” said Sen. Jacque, who also served as state lead in 2021.

The National Caucus of Environmental Legislators (NCEL) brings together state lawmakers to pool their knowledge and experiences to coordinate efforts to shape federal policy, or to take coordinated action in areas that federal government has yet to address.

“NCEL’s State Leads are vital to promoting cross-state collaboration on environmental policy,” said Jeff Mauk, Executive Director of NCEL.

Sen. Jacque has always been active in promoting conservation initiatives that protect the air, lands, and water on which our lives and livelihoods depend. He has worked part-time with a small environmental consulting company in Green Bay, and has advanced brownfield redevelopment and water quality legislation. His environmental leadership also includes:

- Currently serving as Chair of the Nutrient Management Task Force and Member of the Executive Committee for the binational Great Lakes St. Lawrence River Legislative Caucus (GLLC)
- Inaugural fellow of the GLLC's Birkholz Institute, serving on its steering committee
- Member of the DNR's Small Business Environmental Council (SBEC) from 2013 into 2021
- Former member of the National Association of Local Government Environmental Professional's (NALGEP) Grants Management Task Force, as well as the Sustainable Greater Green Bay Task Force.

Sen. Jacque has already seen three of the environmental bills he has authored signed into law this session, with several others working their way through the legislative session.

"Our choice is not between our environment and our economy," Sen Jacque said. "We need to protect the environment for future generations precisely because so much, including many of Wisconsin's economic sectors and jobs from agriculture to tourism and forestry depend on it."

Created by and for state legislators, the National Caucus of Environmental Legislators is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that organizes over 1,200 environmentally-committed state legislators from all 50 states and both major parties. NCEL provides venues and opportunities for lawmakers to share ideas and collaborate on their environmental priorities.

Sen. André Jacque represents Northeast Wisconsin's First Senate District, consisting of Door and Kewaunee Counties and portions of Brown, Calumet, Manitowoc, and Outagamie counties.