

# Sen. Habush Sinykin: Backs PFAS legislation, Republicans block efforts to lower costs and reauthorize Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program

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MADISON, WI – Today, the Wisconsin State Senate convened on the floor to take up over 100 bills on the calendar. Senator Habush Sinykin joined her legislative colleagues to unanimously pass [Assembly Bill 130](#) and [Assembly Bill 131](#), important legislation that will help equip local communities with the resources and funding to address toxic PFAS contamination in water. Despite this win for Wisconsin, the calendar failed to address many issues top of mind for Wisconsinites.

Senator Habush Sinykin released the following statement:

“Today, the State Senate passed some important, bipartisan legislation, including bills that will finally address the needs of Wisconsin families and communities dealing with PFAS “forever chemicals” by releasing more than \$125 million held up in Madison for far too long. Every Wisconsinite deserves clean water, no matter their zip code.

“But there still is so much work to be done to address the affordability crisis facing Wisconsin families, to regulate data centers being built in our local communities, and to reauthorize the widely-popular, bipartisan Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program. None of these matters were addressed in today’s calendar, determined by Republican Leadership. This inaction represents a failure in Republican Leadership, which is a pattern, not an instance.

“In contrast, Senate Democrats endeavored throughout the floor session to lower costs by offering amendments that would cap insulin and inhaler prices, stabilize the child care industry, expand property tax relief for veterans and their spouses, and address rising healthcare costs. Republicans rejected every single one of these amendments.

“In addition to the amendments aimed at addressing rising costs, I also offered an amendment to reauthorize the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program for one additional year, which would give the Legislature time and ensure the program does not lapse. Republicans rejected this idea—just like they did during February’s floor day—sending the clear message that Republican Leadership does not value the Stewardship Program like Wisconsinites do.”