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### Legislators Announce Bipartisan Wisconsin Paper Caucus

*Rep. Scott Krug and Rep. Katrina Shankland Named to Leadership Positions*

MADISON – State Representatives Scott Krug (R-Nekoosa) and Katrina Shankland (D-Stevens Point), as well as Senators Tom Tiffany (R-Minocqua) and Janet Bewley (D-Mason) recently announced the creation of the new Wisconsin Paper Caucus. Rep. Krug will serve as Chair and Rep. Shankland will serve as Vice-Chair in the Assembly, and Sen. Tiffany will serve as Chair and Sen. Bewley will serve as Vice-Chair in the Senate.

The Wisconsin Paper Caucus will convene legislators from both parties and both houses, a representative from Governor Evers' administration, and various leaders from across the state. The mission of the caucus is to inform and educate policymakers about the economic and social value of the papermaking industry in their districts and throughout Wisconsin. The bipartisan and bicameral caucus will work to highlight the history and economic importance of the paper, pulp, forestry, and printing sectors and work together to develop workable policy solutions for this important manufacturing segment.

Rep. Scott Krug issued the following statement in response:

"Papermaking is important to America and nobody does it better, or relies on it more, than the people of Central Wisconsin. Our papermaking history in Wisconsin Rapids, Nekoosa and across the state is central to our development as a state. More immediately papermaking provides thousands of good jobs in Central Wisconsin and is an important cornerstone of a proud manufacturing tradition. I am very excited to see the Wisconsin Paper Caucus take shape and am satisfied knowing it will help promote an industry that everyone in Wisconsin values."

Rep. Katrina Shankland released the following statement:

"The papermaking, forestry, and printing industries are crucial pillars of our state's heritage and its economy, and I am thrilled to launch the Wisconsin Paper Caucus with my colleagues. As Vice Chair, I look forward to working with legislators, the Wisconsin Paper Council, and stakeholders from across the state to educate people about the importance and vitality of these industries and to develop effective policies that will help sustain them. I'm proud of our papermaking heritage and the family-supporting jobs our paper and forestry industries have provided for generations of Wisconsinites, and I am committed to supporting policies that protect these good jobs for future generations to come."

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