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Lawmakers Frustrated with Governor Evers' Veto of SB 60
Legislation Would Protect Our Rural Areas from Violent Criminals

MADISON – Bi-partisan legislation seeking to ensure that sexually violent persons wouldn't be unfairly transferred to rural areas met an unfortunate end last week at the hand of Governor Evers.

Senators Feyen (Fond du Lac) and Testin (Stevens Point) joined together to express their frustration with the veto.

“Governor Evers played his political hand, trying to sneak this veto past the people of Wisconsin late on the Friday before gun deer season,” said Senator Feyen. “The Governor, yet again, prioritized Madison bureaucrats, Milwaukee/Racine criminals, and activist judges at the expense of the rest of the state.”

Current law creates a framework for returning sexually violent persons to their county of origin at the end of their sentence. Legislators took action last session to prevent a practice that had become prevalent of releasing criminals from urban areas in rural communities.

“The legislature has come together in a bi-partisan fashion and made it clear, both in this session and in the last session, that we will not accept rural areas becoming dumping grounds for sexually violent persons,” said Senator Testin “The Governor’s veto was misguided, and has the potential to hurt rural communities.”

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