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## **Rep. Plumer Applauds Passage of Assembly Bill 374**

**MADISON, WI** – Rep. Jon Plumer (R – Lodi) applauded the passage of Assembly Bill 374 on Tuesday evening. Wisconsin counties were among the first in the country to file lawsuits against the companies that are in part responsible for the opioid epidemic in our. Assembly Bill 374, which was authored by Rep. Plumer and Sen. Patrick Testin, requires the State of Wisconsin and counties to work together to reach a joint settlement agreement with opioid manufacturers, distributors, and retailers.

“Everyone in this room knows somebody who has been impacted by the opioid epidemic,” said Rep. Plumer. “Now that we have a realistic chance to get necessary and overdue financial resources from the companies responsible for the epidemic, we need to make sure we are poised to put those resources to their best use.”

Assembly Bill 374 requires that proceeds from any settlement be split between the state and counties that filed suit. The 71 Wisconsin counties that have filed suit would receive 70% of the proceeds, while the state would retain the remaining 30%. Counties have been at the forefront of this crisis and their court systems, law enforcement, medical examiners, and health & human services departments have borne the brunt of the costs.

Additionally, settlement monies could only be used for opioid abatement activities and not redirected to general funds.

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