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Assembly Passes Krug Legislation to Support Central Wisconsin Economy and Jobs

(Madison) – This week, the Assembly passed legislation authored by Rep. Krug that ensures central Wisconsin jobs and our local economy get the crucial state investment funding passed in the 2025 budget.

“For too long we’ve seen global competition undercut the Wisconsin paper industry from every angle possible, hurting our central Wisconsin communities,” said Rep. Krug. “That’s why we made a significant state-level investment in the budget earlier this year to support jobs and industry in our region. The follow-up legislation we passed today ensures that investment of more than \$40 million gets where it needs to go while protecting taxpayers.”

After tireless advocacy during the first half of 2025, Domtar was awarded a \$42 million dollar grant in the budget to repair the Timber Crib Spillway portion of the Rothschild Dam on Lake Wausau. Rep. Krug's legislation passed today holds Domtar accountable to the promises they made in the budget process, including future investments of \$100 million dollars into its two Central Wisconsin mills, Rothschild and Nekoosa, to use roundwood and woodchips sourced only from Wisconsin, and that they must commence the project by December 31, 2026.

"It was truly a team effort securing this investment, recognizing that the funding isn't just for a dam," added Krug. "This will be one of the first times in decades where the State of Wisconsin stood shoulder to shoulder with the paper making industry and said “we are here” to make sure we get through a challenging global marketplace together."

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