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Sen. Felzkowski and Rep. Mursau Introduce Referendum on Abortion *Northwoods Legislators Want Voters to Decide Future of Abortion in Wisconsin*

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Madison, WI – Senator Mary Felzkowski (R-Tomahawk) and Representative Jeff Mursau (R-Crivitz) are among the authors of a Republican proposal to update Wisconsin’s 175 year old abortion law, creating regulations that mirror the stance of today’s Wisconsinites when it comes to this issue. The proposed bill would allow for abortions up until 14 weeks post-fertilization (12 gestational weeks). The final decision on this change will be made by the voters in the 2024 Spring election.

Representative Mursau commented on this legislation: “When we surveyed our constituents on this issue, the results indicated to us that this is where the majority felt the most comfortable. We introduced this legislation believing it is reflective of where the constituents of the Northwoods stand.”

Senator Felzkowski added: “Over the last year, we’ve taken the time to speak to our constituents, hear their perspectives, and understand the weight of this particular issue. This approach allows them an additional approval of this compromise.”

“The Supreme Court decided that states have the authority to determine abortion regulations. In light of that ruling, I support giving the voters in Wisconsin a voice on whether this strikes a reasonable balance on this important issue”, stated Representative Mursau.

Senator Felzkowski stated: “Out of an abundance of respect for how sensitive this issue is, we would like to hear directly from the voters whether they agree that this is what they want the law to be - striking a balance between protecting life, and showing compassion and respect for women who find themselves in difficult situations.”

This legislation employs a dual step process before it can become enacted into law. First, the bill must move through the legislative process in both houses, just like any piece of legislation, and then be signed into effect by the Governor. Following that, it must be ratified by the voters this spring, where every Wisconsinite will have the ability to weigh in directly on this uniquely sensitive issue.

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