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Sen. Tom Tiffany follows State GOP's reckless fiscal policies that jeopardize environment and local economy.



RHINELANDER, WI – Due to the damaging policies pursued by Senator **Tom Tiffany** (R-Hazelhurst) over the last four years, Wisconsin has been left unprepared to deal with major environmental and natural resource challenges facing the state. In a recently released budget request, Wisconsin officials outlined significant fiscal challenges in the upcoming 2017-19 budget that are threatening key natural resources.

“As a result of Sen. Tiffany’s misplaced priorities, Wisconsin communities are struggling to respond to water contamination, an influx of invasive species and the spread of chronic wasting disease,” said **Bryan Van Stippen**, a candidate for the 12th Senate District. “In order to protect our environment and our tourism-based economy, we need to invest in the long-term stability of Wisconsin’s natural resources.”



Many have raised concerns that chronic wasting disease prevention efforts, the enforcement of clean water standards, and scientific research have suffered as a result of staff vacancies and reduced funding. Sen. Tiffany has largely ignored these challenges while opting instead to side with the oil industry and major polluters like Monsanto who have contributed thousands of dollars to his campaign.

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“Residents are concerned with the quality of our land and water and what will happen to our state if these resources aren’t maintained for future generations,” added Van Stippen. “Sen. Tiffany has shown that he doesn’t care about protecting our shoreland and access to clean drinking water. He’s even said that he is proud of his ‘F’ rating from the Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters and wears it as a badge of honor. I’m running for State Senate to protect our natural resources, stand up to the special interests and preserve economic opportunities for our children and grandchildren.”

As a result of his strong support of Wisconsin’s natural resources, Bryan Van Stippen has earned the endorsements from many influential, grassroots organizations including the Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters, the Sierra Club, Clean Wisconsin, and Oneida County Clean Waters Action.

Bryan Van Stippen is running to represent the 12th Senate District in northern Wisconsin. Residents can learn more about Bryan at: www.vanstippenforsenate.com.