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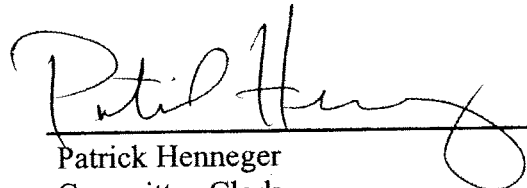
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# Mary Lazich

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**Senate Committee on Labor and Election Process Reform  
Senate Bill 568 (SB 568)  
February 8, 2006**

Good Morning Committee Chair Reynolds and committee members. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony to the Senate Committee on Labor and Election Process Reform on Senate Bill 568.

Admittedly, this bill is intriguing because it does have some merit. Most people would, at first blush, view such a tax as positive because this particular tax is anti-porn. However, I cannot support this bill and I want to explain why.

This bill creates a new funding source for the construction of facilities to house sexually violent persons. I have spent the past year working very closely with the grassroots group, Citizens for a Safe Wisconsin, formerly Citizens for a Safe Franklin. Group leaders, along with many concerned Franklin residents, are here in large numbers today to urge support for legislation they helped create that eliminates funding for a transitional halfway house for sexually violent persons. We want to prevent the construction of facilities, not find ways to fund them. It would be extremely dangerous to place large numbers of the most dangerous offenders in the state in a single facility. No one wants to see these facilities pop up in their communities and I cannot support any legislation that would open the door to that possibility.

Under this bill, state money would fund a facility only if the facility was located in a "remote" area. The Department of Health and Family Services would determine what constitutes a "remote" area.



My constituents are very concerned about that provision, and rightly so. A decision of that magnitude should not be handed over to unelected state agency bureaucrats without accountability to the neighborhoods, families and children that would be affected.

This bill also creates a new tax, albeit a "sin Tax," it is still a tax increase. Wisconsin's taxes are already too high, and I am philosophically opposed to tax increases.

I know that good intentions are behind this legislation, but I am afraid this bill would do far more harm than good, especially by paving the way for facilities to be built to house multiple sexually violent persons. Therefore, I will not support this bill.