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**GOVERNOR**  
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TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE:

I am vetoing Senate Bill 551. The bill creates an exemption from current law to allow for one particular construction project in Kewaunee County to move forward even though it does not comply with the wetland laws that all other citizens of our state are expected to follow.

This bill undermines Wisconsin's natural resource laws to protect one particular building built on a wetland. Our natural heritage, so critical in generating tourism and jobs, should be managed in the best interests of all Wisconsin residents. We can't have a system where the Legislature is deciding who gets building permits and who doesn't.

A better use of the Legislature's time would be to focus on improving the process so that miscommunications over whether a project is acceptable won't happen in the future. My administration has already launched the most sweeping regulatory reform in the Midwest, so I am more than willing to work with legislators in both parties to improve the process further. Changing the rules so that one person gets special treatment and putting the Legislature in charge of building permits isn't something I can agree to, however.

My administration is committed to encouraging responsible growth and development throughout Wisconsin and those efforts are undermined when the Legislature, on a case-by-case basis, decides when our environmental protection laws should be enforced.

Respectfully submitted,

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Governor