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TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE:

I am vetoing Senate Bill 390 in its entirety. This bill directs the Department of Transportation to provide a general obligation bond supported grant of \$1.6 million to the city of Marinette for the construction of a dockwall at the Waupaca Foundry. The bill also waives the requirement that the department reimburse a maximum of 80 percent of the total costs of a project.

This bill is redundant and unnecessary because my administration has already provided nearly \$2 million for the Waupaca Foundry to construct the dockwall, renovate its facilities, and invest in new equipment and training.

My administration is funding this project through Community Development Block Grants and other training grants and tax credits which are intended for a project like this one. The legislation sent to me diverts funds away from the Harbor Assistance Grant Program, which would only hurt other worthy harbor projects in the area.

Moreover, the project does not meet various requirements of the Harbor Assistance Grant Program, which requires that the Department of Transportation give precedence to projects with high levels of commercial boat traffic. As the foundry does not utilize the Marinette harbor for boat traffic, it would not score well in the application evaluation process. The acceptance of this proposal would both delay approved projects and eliminate the possibility of funding other worthy harbor transportation projects later in the biennium.

In the end, the bill the Legislature sent to me provides less funding and diverts funds away from other nearby communities. Since the project has already been funded, there is no need for this legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM DOYLE
Governor