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Governor Evers Shows Support for Clean Energy in Bill Veto

Madison, WI – Today, Governor Evers vetoed SB 49 / AB 45, which would have stopped local governments from restricting utility connections based on energy source. If approved, this bill would have allowed local governments to prohibit bans on gas hookups; these bans are a positive part of the United States' transition off of fossil fuels.

In response, Jadine Sonoda, Campaign Coordinator of Sierra Club - Wisconsin Chapter, released the following statement:

“We’re celebrating Governor Evers’ veto of this legislation, which would have put up an unnecessary barrier to Wisconsin’s transition to clean energy. In his response, Governor Evers noted the importance of combating climate change and that the state should be a partner in addressing related issues on the local level. Local mitigation and response efforts are a crucial part of bringing Wisconsin to 100% clean energy and we look forward to meeting this goal with the Evers Administration.”

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About the Sierra Club

The Sierra Club is America’s largest and most influential grassroots environmental organization, with millions of members and supporters. In addition to protecting every person's right to get outdoors and access the healing power of nature, the Sierra Club works to promote clean energy, safeguard the health of our communities, protect wildlife, and preserve our remaining wild places through grassroots activism, public education, lobbying, and legal action. For more information, visit www.sierraclub.org.