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NELSON STATEMENT ON PASSING OF FORMER STATE SEN. MIKE ELLIS

“There will be no other.”

APPLETON, WI - Outagamie County Executive Tom Nelson issued the following statement today on the passing of former State Senator Mike Ellis:

“I was devastated to learn the news of the untimely passing of former Senator Mike Ellis. For 40 years, Senator Ellis dominated the political landscape of the Fox Valley -- and beyond. There were few budgets or laws that he did not play a major role in shaping. For Senator Ellis no issue was too big, too small, too controversial or too mundane. All were important to his constituents.

“A favorite son of the Fox Valley, his sense of service and commitment to our community was unrivaled. And his focus on constituents and placing the interests of the Fox Valley above of all else guided his public service.

“Quite simply, there will be no other. Senator Ellis will be sorely missed but his influence will be felt for years to come.”

Nelson and Ellis served together in the legislature from 2005 until 2011.

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