



PRESS RELEASE

Contact: Brandon Scholz
(608) 210-3305

SEN. CRAIG TO RECEIVE “FRIEND OF GROCERS” AWARD

Madison, Wisconsin (*January 10, 2019*) – State Senator Dave Craig will receive the “Friend of Grocers” award from the Wisconsin Grocers Association on Friday, January 11, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at Sendik’s Food Market, 7901 W. Layton Avenue in Greenfield.

The “Friend of Grocers” Award is given to legislators who score an “A” on the WGA’s Legislative Report Card – an extensive study of all legislators’ performance in the 2017-2018 Legislative Session. Lawmakers are graded according to their actions on certain issues that are especially important to the grocery industry, including: unemployment insurance reforms; personal property tax relief; and several labor issues.

This is the first Friend of Grocer Award Senator Craig has received. “As the author of legislation to repeal the personal property tax, Senator Craig was instrumental to the efforts leading to a \$75 million reduction in the tax,” said WGA President & CEO Brandon Scholz. “Grocers in Senator Craig’s district and the entire State of Wisconsin are thankful for Senator Craig and his colleagues’ efforts on the personal property tax.”

The award will be presented to Senator Craig by Brandon Scholz and Ted Balistreri, Co-Owner of Sendik’s Food Markets. Members of the media are invited and encouraged to attend.

#

The Wisconsin Grocers Association represents nearly 1,000 independent grocers, retail grocery chain stores, warehouses and distributors, convenience stores, food brokers and suppliers. Wisconsin grocers employ over 50,000 people with \$815 million in payroll and generate more than \$6 billion in annual sales in Wisconsin resulting in approximately \$250,000,000 in state sales tax revenue. (Data provided by The Food Institute).