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REP. TITTL TO RECEIVE “FRIEND OF GROCERS” AWARD

Madison, Wisconsin (*September 13, 2018*) – Rep. Paul Tittl (R-Manitowoc) will receive the “Friend of Grocers” award from the Wisconsin Grocers Association on September 17, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at Festival Foods, 2151 S 42nd St in Manitowoc.

The “Friend of Grocers” award is given to legislators who score highly 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; allowing grocers to sell growlers; and several labor issues.

“As a teen, Rep. Tittl worked as a bagger at the A&P Grocery Store in Manitowoc,” said Michelle Kussow, Executive VP for Wisconsin Grocers Association. “This experience, and his many years as a small business owner, have helped Rep. Tittl understand and support many of the issues facing Wisconsin grocers.”

The award will be presented to Rep. Tittl by Michelle Kussow and John Arlt, Store Manager at the Festival Foods in Manitowoc. Members of the media are invited and encouraged to attend.

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The Wisconsin Grocers Association is the only statewide trade group representing retail, wholesale, suppliers and vendors in the grocery industry. According to the Food Marketing Institute’s 2017 Economic Impact Statements Wisconsin’s grocery industry employs more than 150,000 people and has a total economic impact of more than \$15.6 billion.