



---

## PRESS RELEASE

---

Contact: Michelle Kussow  
(608) 244-7150

### **ASSEMBLY MAJORITY LEADER STEINEKE TO RECEIVE “FRIEND OF GROCERS” AWARD**

Madison, Wisconsin (*September 13, 2018*) – Rep. Jim Steineke (R-Kaukauna) will receive the “Friend of Grocers” award from the Wisconsin Grocers Association on September 17, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. at Larry’s StoneRidge Piggly Wiggly, 300 E. Ann St. in Kaukauna.

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.

“This is the fourth Friend of Grocers Award Rep. Steineke has received, which is a testament to his solid support for the grocery industry,” said WGA’s Executive VP Michelle Kussow. “As Assembly Majority Leader, Rep. Steineke has demonstrated leadership for grocers in his district and throughout the state of Wisconsin.

The award will be presented to Rep. Steineke by Michelle Kussow and Gail Henschel, General Manager for StoneRidge Piggly Wiggly. Members of the media are invited and encouraged to attend.

# # #

**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.**