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### **SPEAKER VOS TO RECEIVE “FRIEND OF GROCERS” AWARD**

Madison, Wisconsin (*September 21, 2018*) – Assembly Speaker Robin Vos (R-Rochester) will receive the “Friend of Grocers” Award from the Wisconsin Grocers Association on September 25, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. at Richter’s Marketplace, 156 S. Pine St. in Burlington.

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 fifth Friend of Grocers Award Speaker Vos has received. “As the longest serving Republican Speaker in Wisconsin, the WGA has enjoyed working on many issues with Speaker Vos,” said WGA President & CEO Brandon Scholz. “Vos speaks highly of his first job in a grocery store and this experience has led Vos to be a strong supporter of grocers in his district and around the State of Wisconsin.”

In addition to receiving the Friend of Grocers Award, these legislators receive the endorsement of the Wisconsin Grocers Association toward their re-election efforts.

The award will be presented to Speaker Vos by Brandon Scholz and Scott Richter, General Manager of Richter’s Marketplace. 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.**