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### **REPRESENTATIVE LOUDENBECK TO RECEIVE “FRIEND OF GROCERS” AWARD**

Madison, Wisconsin (*September 21, 2018*) – Rep. Amy Loudenbeck (R-Clinton) will receive the “Friend of Grocers” Award from the Wisconsin Grocers Association on September 25, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at Frank’s Piggly Wiggly, 58 W. Market St. in Elkhorn.

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.

“Rep. Loudenbeck is a great supporter of the grocery industry,” said WGA President & CEO Brandon Scholz. “This session she authored legislation that removed a huge, unnecessary regulation on retailers that required child labor permits for 16 and 17 year olds. Through her leadership and efforts, retailers will save time and money and it will be easier for students to get jobs.”

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 Rep. Loudenbeck by Brandon Scholz and Frank & Stephanie Lueptow, owners of Frank’s Piggly Wiggly. 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.**