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Rep. Considine receives Hemp Hero Award

Madison – Today, Rep. Dave Considine (D-Baraboo) received a Hemp Hero Award from Wisconsin Hemp Alliance. Following years of legislative advocacy on this issue, Representative Considine was a co-author of 2019 Senate Bill 188, which was signed into law by Governor Tony Evers on November 26, 2019. This bill was an important, bipartisan bill which aligned state law with changes made in the 2018 Federal Farm Bill.

“Wisconsin farmers have always been diversified. That has been their strength. Hemp is not a total solution to the agricultural problems we’re seeing today. However, it’s yet another means for diversification. I am proud to have worked on this to ensure our farmers have another avenue for producing and manufacturing goods.

“When I was first elected 6 years ago, hemp was my main focus. I believed it was crucial for us to pass meaningful legislation to ensure our producers had access to this market. This year, a group of bipartisan legislators worked together to ensure that happened. I was happy to play a part in that.

“There is no doubt in my mind that we will need to continue to update the laws on hemp, and I accept this Hemp Hero Award today with that in mind. I promise to continue to advocate for our farmers, hemp experts, and stakeholders so that Wisconsin may once again become a leader in hemp products and production.”

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