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

Madison, Wisconsin (*October 26, 2018*) – Rep. Mark Born (R-Beaver Dam) will receive the “Friend of Grocers” Award from the Wisconsin Grocers Association on October 30, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. at Recheck’s Food Pride, 609 N. Spring St. in Beaver Dam.

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 will be the third Friend of Grocers Award for Rep. Born. “Rep. Born is a great supporter of the grocery industry,” said WGA President & CEO Brandon Scholz. “Specifically, this past session, Rep. Born sponsored many of the key bills of significance to the industry, including: repealing child labor permits for 16 and 17 year olds, civil litigation reforms, and legislation preempting local labor & employment issues.

In addition to receiving the Friend of Grocers Award, Rep. Born has received the endorsement of the Wisconsin Grocers Association toward his re-election efforts.

The award will be presented to Rep. Born by Brandon Scholz and Brett Recheck, Owner of Recheck’s Food Pride. 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.**