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The Honorable Roger Roth
Senate President
State of Wisconsin Senate
Wisconsin State Capitol, Room 220 South
Madison, Wisconsin 53707

The Honorable Howard Marklein
President Pro Tempore
State of Wisconsin Senate
Wisconsin State Capitol, Room 8 South
Madison, Wisconsin 53707

The Honorable Scott Fitzgerald
Majority Leader
State of Wisconsin Senate
Wisconsin State Capitol, Room 211 South
Madison, Wisconsin 53707

The Honorable Jennifer Shilling
Minority Leader
State of Wisconsin Senate
Wisconsin State Capitol, Room 206 South
Madison, Wisconsin 53707

Dear Senate President Roth, President Pro Tempore Marklein, Majority Leader Fitzgerald, and Minority Leader Shilling,

I write on the behalf of Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association (WI Land+Water) to respectfully request the Wisconsin Senate delay on the confirmation of Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP) Secretary-Designee Brad Pfaff.

WI Land+Water has worked closely with Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection Secretary-Designee Brad Pfaff since his appointment to his position earlier this year. In that capacity, Secretary-Designee Pfaff has demonstrated strong leadership, and a commitment and dedication to ensuring a viable future for agriculture in the State of Wisconsin.

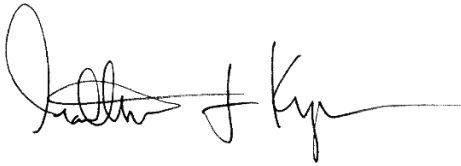
Not only does Secretary-Designee Pfaff have the valuable first-hand experience of living on a small farm in Wisconsin, but more importantly, he also understands and supports the critical role that WI Land+Water's members – county conservation department staff and county supervisors – play in ensuring that farms remain viable and profitable, while protecting our shared natural resources at the same time.

County conservation departments are the boots-on-the-ground implementers of conservation in Wisconsin, who work as trusted advisors in partnership with farmers and landowners. Secretary-Designee Pfaff consistently supports this critical work by visiting these farms with county conservation staff and listening to personal testimony from farmers and professional conservationists, describing the opportunities and challenges of agriculture and conservation in Wisconsin today. I can attest to the positive impact has made in both the agriculture and conservation communities, as I have visited these

same farms alongside Secretary-Designee Pfaff, and have worked with many of his dedicated DATCP staff to work collaboratively toward a shared vision of agriculture and conservation.

WI Land+Water supports Secretary-Designee Pfaff, and respectfully requests that the Senate delay his confirmation hearing so that we may further discuss our support for him with you, and why Secretary-Designee Pfaff is the right leader for the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection at this critical time in Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Krueger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Matt Krueger
Executive Director

cc: The Honorable Kathleen Bernier, The Honorable Janet Bewley, The Honorable Tim Carpenter, The Honorable David Craig, The Honorable Robert Cowles, The Honorable Alberta Darling, The Honorable Jon Erpenbach, The Honorable Dan Feyen, The Honorable Scott Fitzgerald, The Honorable Dave Hansen, The Honorable Andre Jacque, The Honorable LaTonya Johnson, The Honorable Chris Kapenga, The Honorable Dale Kooyenga, The Honorable Chris Larson, The Honorable Devin LeMahieu, The Honorable Howard Marklein, The Honorable Mark Miller, The Honorable Stephen Nass, The Honorable Luther Olsen, The Honorable Jerry Petrowski, The Honorable Janis Ringhand, The Honorable Fred Risser, The Honorable Roger Roth, The Honorable Patty Schachtner, The Honorable Jennifer Shilling, The Honorable Jeff Smith, The Honorable Duey Stroebel, The Honorable Lena Taylor, The Honorable Patrick Testin, The Honorable Thomas Tiffany, The Honorable Van Wanggaard, The Honorable Robert Wirch.