



# KEITH RIPP

STATE REPRESENTATIVE ★ 42<sup>ND</sup> ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

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## **REP. KEITH RIPP ACCEPTS THE ASSISTANT DEPUTY SECRETARY POSITION FOR THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE, AND CONSUMER PROTECTION AND RESIGNS AS THE STATE REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE 42<sup>ND</sup> ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**

**Madison, WI** – Representative Keith Ripp (R-Lodi) issued the following statement in response to being appointed as the Assistant Deputy Secretary for the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP) by Secretary Sheila Harsdorf:

“I am honored to be appointed as the new DATCP Assistant Deputy Secretary. I am looking forward to continuing my public service for Wisconsin’s farmers and residents.

As a third-generation farmer, I understand the significance of maintaining and improving Wisconsin’s strong agricultural heritage now and in the future. During my time in the State Assembly, I was proud to advocate for Wisconsin’s Ag industry. By applying my personal knowledge as a full-time farmer and professional experience owning and operating a small business, I was successful in solving numerous local and state problems impacting Wisconsin’s diverse agricultural industry as well as our well-rounded economy.

While I am excited to begin this new opportunity, I must reluctantly resign as the state representative for the 42<sup>nd</sup> Assembly District. I never imagined running for any state political office in my life, but since I was first sworn in as a legislator in 2009, I have had the privilege of representing residents from Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Marquette, and Sauk Counties. It has been my honor serving and working for you as your citizen legislator at the Wisconsin State Capitol.

Additionally, I would like to thank my legislative colleagues for working together with me to craft meaningful legislation benefitting the entire state of Wisconsin. Finally, I would like to thank my entire family for your unwavering support throughout my time in the State Legislature. I would not have been able to do this without all of you.”

State Representative Keith Ripp’s resignation of his state elected office is effective today, Friday, December 29, 2017 and he will start his new position as the DATCP Assistant Deputy Secretary on Monday, January 1, 2017.

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