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## **VanderMeer Joins Agricultural Committee Members in Support of Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act**

**Madison** – Earlier this month, Representative Nancy VanderMeer (R-Tomah) joined her colleagues from the Assembly Committee on Agriculture in showing support for “The Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act of 2019 (H.R. 832).” VanderMeer and her colleagues sent a letter of support to Wisconsin’s congressional delegation, including Senators Ron Johnson and Tammy Baldwin.

H.R. 832 is a bipartisan piece of legislation that has been introduced by U.S. Rep. Glenn Thompson (R-PA) and Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, Collin Peterson (D-MN). The legislation would allow regular and flavored whole milk as options for school children across the country. The letter also requests that the USDA re-evaluate the school lunch program to include a 2 percent milk option along with whole milk.

“As is stated in the letter of support, we understand that our state’s dairy farmers are facing extremely challenging economic times and we understand that we need to do everything we can to promote, support, and fight for Wisconsin’s dairy farms,” VanderMeer said.

“Everything we do in the agriculture committee this session will especially be filtered through that lens and I think formally showing the committee’s support for this federal proposal was an easy decision to make. There are a number of health benefits with milk related to nutrition for students and anything that can be done on the demand side to promote dairy is a good thing,” VanderMeer continued.

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*The 70th Assembly District includes portions of Monroe, Jackson, Portage and Wood counties.*