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The Importance of Precautions During Harvest Season

It is finally October and here in the rural part of the state that means our crops are beginning to be ready for harvest, the weather is getting a little colder, and our Wisconsin traditions are in full swing.

These fall traditions bring out the true meaning of the communities we live in. We come together to watch sports, including Green Bay Packers football, our local high school events, and the Milwaukee Brewers' exciting playoff run that makes us all feel a little younger. We go out with our families to find the perfect pumpkins to carve and try to find time to get our yards done.

However, there is one group that we sometimes overlook during this time of year: our hard-working Wisconsin farmers.

I recently had the opportunity to sit down and talk with the Bragger Family Dairy farm and Secretary of Agriculture Sheila Harsdorf to discuss a variety of issues facing our rural communities. I was reminded again even more so of the dedication it takes to be a successful agricultural worker, but I gained a greater respect and appreciation for the hardworking men and women that provide our families with sustenance.

This time of the year when many families are not only milking their cows but are also having to deal with the weather and bringing in their crops. This often means that tractors and heavy equipment will be on the road. Please use caution when encountering these machines and patience to ensure the safety of yourself and others.

After all, it is important that we all take a moment to be grateful for the sacrifices and hard work that our Wisconsin farmers put in to make sure we all have access to safe, healthy, and delicious food. Without them our economy would surely suffer.

Therefore, please remember to have patience with our farmers on the road and be very cautious and pay attention to your surroundings. Moreover, I hope you enjoy carving pumpkins and I wish you all happy hunting when the work is done!

As always, feel free to contact my office with questions, comments, or concerns.

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