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SENATOR WANGGAARD TO RECEIVE “FRIEND OF GROCERS” AWARD

Madison, Wisconsin (*October 4, 2016*) – State Senator Van Wanggaard (R-Racine) will receive the “Friend of Grocers” award from the Wisconsin Grocers Association on Thursday, October 6, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at Richter’s Marketplace in Burlington.

The “Friend of Grocers” award is given to legislators who score highly on the WGA’s Legislative Report Card – an extensive study of all legislators’ performance in the 2015-2016 Legislative Session. Lawmakers are graded according to their actions on certain issues that are especially important to the grocery industry, including: liquor invoicing legislation; allowing grocers to sell growlers; and several labor issues.

This is the first Friend of Grocers Award Senator Wanggaard has received. Senator Wanggaard co-authored legislation waiving the one day of rest in seven rule, which was ultimately included in the 2015-2017 State Budget. “This has been a priority issue for the WGA for several years,” said WGA’s Executive Vice President Michelle Kussow. “We appreciate Senator Wanggaard’s efforts on this issue, which provides employee flexibility in work schedules and removes an unnecessary regulation on businesses.”

The award will be presented to Senator Wanggaard by Michelle Kussow and Norm, Scott and Susan Richter of Richter’s Marketplace. Members of the media are invited and encouraged to attend.

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The Wisconsin Grocers Association represents nearly 1,000 independent grocers, retail grocery chain stores, warehouses and distributors, convenience stores, food brokers and suppliers. Wisconsin grocers employ over 50,000 people with \$815 million in payroll and generate more than \$6 billion in annual sales in Wisconsin resulting in approximately \$250,000,000 in state sales tax revenue. (Data provided by The Food Institute).