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Rep. Born Applauds Passage of Assembly Bill 140

Madison, WI—Representative Mark Born (R-Beaver Dam) released the following statement in response to the passage of Assembly Bill (AB)140:

“I am honored to have worked alongside Rep. Brooks, Sen. Feyen, Sen. Jagler, and my legislative colleagues to address regulatory issues related to Tax Incremental Districts (TIDs) for the Beaver Dam and Port Washington communities.

“Less than two years ago, the Legislature created a sales tax exemption for materials used to construct, operate or renovate industrial-scale data centers—the physical locations where computing and networking equipment reside to store and process the data that makes the Internet work.

“Two enormous data centers are under construction already in Wisconsin (including one in Beaver Dam); more are being planned. Current law provides sensible limits on local governments’ options to create TIDs to host economic development, including a cap on the total property value that may be included within any municipality’s TIDs (often referred to as the 12 percent rule). But these data center projects dwarf most other development projects.

“AB 140, as amended, waives the 12 percent rule for the communities of Port Washington and Beaver Dam. This allows these communities to plan strategically for the development of data centers without compromising their overall economic development plans. Data centers are unique; this bill acknowledges that reality and offers a solution to those communities embracing these new opportunities.”

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