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Representative Rob Brooks Honored as League of Wisconsin Municipalities "Legislative Champion"

Saukville, WI—Representative Rob Brooks (R-Saukville) was named a Wisconsin League of Municipalities "Legislative Champion" for authoring Assembly Bills 386 and 387 relating to closing the "dark store" loophole.

Representative Rob Brooks, in addition to Assembly Bills 386 and 387, both of which had more than seventy cosponsors and the support of local units of government throughout the state, authored Wisconsin Acts 51 and 150; both were championed by the League of Wisconsin municipalities. Act 51 allowed municipal officials to forgo executing a bond as a condition for taking office so long as the municipality has acquired employee dishonesty insurance. Whereas, Act 150 changed the default standard for removing appointed city officers from cause to at-will.

"I am honored to receive the "Legislative Champion" award and am grateful for the League's outstanding work. Municipal governments are the closest to the people and most positively impact their lives on a daily basis," Representative Brooks said. "Since 2015, I have made it a priority to divest more authority from the state to local communities, while simultaneously protecting individuals from government encroachment," Representative Brooks stated.

A Legislative Council study committee has convened this summer to study the dark store issue addressed in Assembly Bills 386 and 387.

"While the League of Wisconsin Municipalities and I disagreed on a few issues this session, I appreciate their input and recommendations for improving legislation. I look forward to continue working with them on legislation of paramount importance to local units of government," Representative Brooks said. "Being a recipient of the Legislative Champion award is humbling and a tremendous honor," Representative Brooks said.

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