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Receives Champion of Economic Development Award from WEDA

Madison – On June 25th, Representative Nancy VanderMeer (R-Tomah) received the “Champion of Economic Development Award” from the Wisconsin Economic Development Association (WEDA) in Wisconsin Rapids.

The [Wisconsin Economic Development Association](#) is a statewide non-profit organization dedicated to growing Wisconsin’s economy. The award is presented to state legislators who exemplify WEDA’s mission of promoting economic development and are committed to making Wisconsin a better place to live, work and do business through effective policies. Rep. VanderMeer earned the “Champion of Economic Development” designation for her work on key proposals during the 2019-20 legislative session, including authoring and passing [Opportunity Zones legislation](#) to encourage new investment in economically challenged communities across the state.

“I’m happy to receive this recognition because I know that the work that WEDA does and the work that their members partake in at the local and regional level really make a positive impact for families across the state. County and regional economic development professionals and local chambers are vitally important to help create an environment that fosters entrepreneurship, attracts job creators, and provides jobs for families,” VanderMeer said.

“What I really like about the Opportunity Zone legislation is that we’re taking advantage of an already existing federal program and encouraging Wisconsin investors to keep their capital here in the state. The bill incentivizes private, not public, investment in underserved rural and urban areas of the state. That’s important. I’m glad that Gordon and Angel were able to accept this recognition with me. They are great at what they do and were very helpful to me in moving the Opportunity Zone legislation forward,” VanderMeer continued.

“Representative VanderMeer continues to be a staunch advocate for policies and programs that encourage economic growth in rural Wisconsin and across the state,” said Michael Welsh, WEDA Legislative Affairs Director. “Her leadership during the 2019-20 legislative session paved the way for the approval of several key economic development initiatives, including Opportunity Zones legislation that will help boost private investment in Wisconsin and spur additional economic activity.”

“The Wisconsin Economic Development Association and our members are excited to recognize Rep. VanderMeer as a ‘Champion of Economic Development’ for her work on pro-growth legislation and commitment to advancing the Wisconsin economy,” said Brian Doudna, WEDA Executive Director.

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