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Rep. Shankland Works with City of Stevens Point to Pass Key Economic Development Legislation into Law

MADISON— Yesterday at a bill signing ceremony in the Wisconsin State Capitol, Governor Tony Evers signed SB 880 into law. The bipartisan legislation exempts TID 14 in the City of Stevens Point from state-mandated limitations in order to generate economic development in the Central Wisconsin community. SB 880 passed the State Assembly 98-0 and the State Senate 32-0. After the bill signing ceremony, Rep. Katrina Shankland (D-Stevens Point) released the following statement:

“I believe in representative democracy: when local leaders come to me and ask for support, I listen and I’m there for them. That’s why when Mayor Mike Wiza and other city leaders reached out to me and asked for legislative support with spurring investments in the East Park Commerce Center, I was glad to reach across the aisle and get results for our community.

“Partnering with the City of Stevens Point on passing this new law will support strong investments in infrastructure, including a rail siding track and spurs, sewer, water, stormwater, roadways, and pedestrian walkways. Without this legislation, the deferred maintenance costs to taxpayers would only increase, while the lack of investment in our critical infrastructure could result in lost developments and jobs, as well as lost revenue to our community.

“In addition to investing in the infrastructure in the East Commerce Park Center, this new law also lays a strong foundation for recruiting new businesses to the city, as well as supporting the relocation of businesses so they can continue to expand. As a result, the city will be able to continue its work partnering with Governor Evers and state agencies to recruit a food processing company to Wisconsin, which will create 150 good-paying jobs in Stevens Point, purchase an estimated 10,000-20,000 acres of potatoes from Wisconsin producers, and support our local farmers. This could also result in the localizing of supply chains, reduction in shipment costs and carbon emissions, and additional tax revenue to the Stevens Point area.”

SB 880 is supported by numerous economic development organizations, companies, and public education institutions, including the Stevens Point Area Public School District, Mid-State Technical College, UW-Stevens Point, Ellis Construction, Lineage Logistics, Ki Mobility, Centergy, and many local farmers and small businesses in the agricultural supply chain. To learn more about the new law, visit <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2023/proposals/sb880>.

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Rep. Shankland joins Governor Evers, Mayor Wiza, and others the SB 880 bill signing ceremony

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