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### **Rep. Dave Considine Elected Assembly Democratic Freshman Caucus Co-Chair**

MADISON – In a meeting yesterday, the Assembly Democratic freshman class chose State Representative Dave Considine (D-Baraboo) to serve as a Freshman Caucus Co-Chair, along with Representative Mark Spreitzer (D-Beloit). Rep. Considine issued the following statement in response to being elected.

“I’m honored to have the support of my colleagues as I take on this new role of Freshman Caucus Co-Chair, and I am eager to be partnering with Rep. Spreitzer in this endeavor.

“As the new State Representative for the 81<sup>st</sup> Assembly District, I believe it is essential that we maintain an open dialogue in order to truly work together to find solutions for the problems Wisconsin families face every day. Along with supporting public education, creating family-supporting jobs, and protecting our environmental resources, we must work to ensure that our legislative process is fair to all.

“That is why my colleagues in the freshman caucus and I have decided to focus our first joint efforts on the issue of nonpartisan redistricting. Without fairer elections, legislators can operate with little or no accountability to their electors. The legislation we are introducing would remove the redistricting process from partisan hands and place the responsibility with the nonpartisan Legislative Reference Bureau, resulting in more competitive elections in a greater number of districts.

“I look forward to sharing ideas and working with my colleagues to move this issue forward, so that we can collaborate to create a more just legislative process for our citizens across the state.”

Rep. Considine is one month into his first term in the Assembly. Prior to running for office, he served as a special education teacher at Jack Young Middle School in Baraboo for 29 years. He is also a certified Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Trainer and a nationally recognized dairy goat judge. He and his wife, Gretchen, have lived on their farm in the Baraboo Bluffs for over 40 years. They have five children and eight grandchildren.

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