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### **Sen. Mark Spreitzer and Rep. Clinton Anderson Statement on Passage of Bipartisan Legislation to Support Evansville CHS Project**

MADISON - Today, bipartisan legislation introduced by Senator Mark Spreitzer (D-Beloit) and Representative Clinton Anderson (D-Beloit) to support the City of Evansville passed the Wisconsin State Assembly. This legislation will enable city leaders to bring jobs and economic activity to Evansville through a partnership with agricultural cooperative CHS on a new soybean processing facility.

Senate Bill 787 grants a one-time exception to state statutes limiting tax incremental financing districts to 12 percent of the total equalized value of taxable property in a city or village. The proposed CHS project alone would exceed this limit, and SB 787 will allow for an exception that will help make the project a reality. It is common for these types of exceptions to be made by the legislature for projects like this.

This bipartisan legislation was led by Senator Spreitzer and Representative Anderson along with Senator Howard Marklein (R-Spring Green) and Representative Todd Novak (R-Dodgeville). SB 787 was previously passed by the State Senate on February 13, and will now be sent to Governor Tony Evers for his signature.

#### **Senator Mark Spreitzer (D-Beloit):**

“This project represents a bipartisan effort to invest in the future of Evansville and Wisconsin farmers. Rock County is the top producer of soybeans in the state of Wisconsin, and the entire state will benefit from this processing plant in Evansville. This \$700 million processing facility will be a leader in the state and the region. When it is completed, the proposed CHS facility will be able to process 70 million bushels each year – representing an almost 50% increase for the state of Wisconsin’s total soybean processing capacity. I was glad to partner with Sen. Marklein, Rep. Novak, and Rep. Anderson to introduce and pass this bipartisan legislation for our local communities and our state, and I look forward to it being signed into law.”

#### **Representative Clinton Anderson (D-Beloit):**

“This will not only be a significant project for the City of Evansville but for the entire state. Rock County is the top producer of soybeans in the state, and it makes sense to have a processing facility in our county. Thank you to Sen. Spreitzer, Sen. Marklein, and Rep. Novak for their partnership on this bill. I am excited to see this project break ground in the future.”

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