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Mothers Against Drunk Driving Honor Van Wanggaard Racine Senator Recognized for Drunk Driving Legislation

MADISON – Senator Van Wanggaard (R-Racine) was recognized today as one of Mothers Against Drunk Driving’s (MADD’s) Legislators of the Year. Wanggaard was one of eight Wisconsin legislators recognized for their efforts to combat drunk driving in the state.

“I didn’t offer these bills thinking I would receive recognition for it,” said Wanggaard. “I am advocating for common sense reforms to address the all-too-high cost that drunk driving, and especially repeat drunk driving, is taking on our families, our communities and our state.”

Wanggaard has authored two bills addressing drunk driving this session. The first, Senate Bill 222/Assembly Bill 266, would create an Ignition Interlock Restricted Driver’s License. Under the bill, a person with a restricted license would be prohibited from driving a vehicle without an ignition interlock device. Currently, a convicted drunk driver may drive another person’s vehicle without an ignition interlock device if they are allowed to drive.

Wanggaard has also drafted Senate Bill 335/Assembly Bill 432, the “5 Strikes and You’re Out” bill. This bill would revoke a 5-time or more drunk driver’s license for 10 years. Assembly Bill 432 received a public hearing last week, and will likely receive a committee vote in December.

“I am thankful for the award, but we must remember that the battle against drunk driving continues,” Wanggaard added.

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