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Legislators Target New Economy with Sustainable Aviation Fuel

SAF production creates a new market for farmers and timber producers

Madison, WI—Today, State Representative David Steffen (R-Howard) and State Senators Romaine Quinn (R-Birchwood) and Patrick Testin (R-Stevens Point) introduced legislation that they believe will make Wisconsin the national leader in Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) production. By providing SAF producers a \$1.50 per gallon tax credit, the legislators are confident that this multi-billion-dollar industry will take root here, benefiting Wisconsin's farmers and timber producers. SAF is jet fuel made from renewable, often low value, energy crops.

"Wisconsin's geographic location coupled with its strong agriculture industry perfectly positions our state to be a leader in producing Sustainable Aviation Fuel--which is a big win for Wisconsin farmers and timber producers. Wisconsin produced SAF will create a new market for what are otherwise low value crops. This fuel presents the exciting opportunity for our state to achieve two important goals: advance sustainable, domestic energy and support our evolving farming and timber industries," said Rep. Steffen.

Under the proposal, in order to qualify for the credit, the fuel must be produced in Wisconsin and meet certain criteria including: at least 90% of the fuel must be derived from renewable sources and crops must be grown in the U.S. The credit would take effect in 2028.

"The sustainable aviation fuel tax credit is a great way for Wisconsin to support its farmers and timber producers by growing our biofuels industry," Senator Romaine Quinn said. "By showing state support with a production tax credit, we can revitalize our rural economies by becoming a hub for SAF production."

The bill is currently circulating for co-sponsorship support before moving ahead in the legislative process.

"It's no secret that farmers and timber producers have been facing economic challenges for a while," said Sen. Patrick Testin, chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Revenue. "If we can become the national leader in Sustainable Aviation Fuel production, it will help us better preserve our natural resources and bolster our state's agriculture industry. It's a win-win situation for all of Wisconsin."

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