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Senator Pfaff Applauds Passage of Farmland Preservation Bill

Madison, WI – Today, State Senator Brad Pfaff (D-Onalaska) and the Wisconsin State Senate passed bipartisan legislation to improve Wisconsin’s Farmland Preservation Program, which has supported farmland conservation efforts since the 1970s. The changes to the program include an increase in the tax credits that can be earned as well as a decrease in the minimum length of farmland preservation agreements.

State Senator Brad Pfaff co-authored the legislation and released the following statement after the bill’s passage:

“Wisconsin’s agriculture industry generates \$107 billion in economic activity each year. As the leading contributor to our state’s economy and a vital part of our heritage, we need to continue to think creatively and advance innovative solutions to support Wisconsin agriculture.”

“Wisconsin agriculture continues to grow. However, the Farmland Preservation Program has not kept up with this growth. This bill provides our farmers with the resources to conserve our soil and water. As these farmers know, healthier soil will produce higher yields.”

“Many family farmers have participated in the Farmland Preservation Program since its inception, but unfortunately we’ve seen a decline in participation over the past 15 years. The changes in this bill make the program more accessible and beneficial for Wisconsin’s family farmers, and encourage the next generation to enter the agriculture field.”

“This legislation is a win-win – a win for soil health and water quality, and a win for production agriculture.”

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Senator Brad Pfaff represents the 32nd Senate District, which includes La Crosse, Vernon, Crawford, and southern Monroe County.