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Legislators Introduce “Buy American” Package

*Sens. Pfaff, Wirsch and Reps. McGuire, Snodgrass, Doyle
proudly supporting American job creation*

MADISON – Today, Wisconsin legislators, led by Senator Brad Pfaff and Representative Tip McGuire, introduced legislation to ensure that the State of Wisconsin purchases goods that are made in America and in our state.

- LRB-5501/1, the **Buy American Act**, requires that the State of Wisconsin purchase goods that are – to the greatest extent possible – made in the United States.
- LRB-5502/1 amends Wisconsin’s state constitution, which currently requires that stationary purchases be awarded to the lowest bidder. This legislation requires that Wisconsin purchase from the lowest bidder operating in the state, unless no Wisconsin-based companies bid.

“When we support American companies, we make a statement that we recognize the value of American manufacturing, both for the health of our local economies and workers, but also to reduce our reliance on overseas companies and supply chains that can fail or become overburdened,” said **Rep. Tip McGuire**, “I am proud to support this legislation that ensures the purchases that the state is already making can strengthen our supply chains and our economy here at home.”

“Wisconsin-made products are some of the best in the world,” said **Senate lead author Brad Pfaff**, “This legislation will make sure our state government prioritizes products made here at home, strengthening Wisconsin workers, businesses, communities, and our supply chain.”

The Buy American package is also proudly supported by labor leaders from across Wisconsin:



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“A strong economy is dependent on a strong middle class. Thanks to the leadership of Rep. Tip McGuire and Sen. Brad Pfaff, this Buy America legislation will encourage the purchasing of American- and Wisconsin-made goods and services by state and local governments, and will create quality jobs which will in turn strengthen and fuel our middle-class economy.”

- **Stephanie Bloomingdale, President of the Wisconsin State AFL-CIO**

“The working men and women of the United Steelworkers are proud to support this commonsense Buy American legislation which will support American manufacturing, grow the strength of our American middle class, and support our Wisconsin paper industry. It is time to use the power of our tax dollars to save and create jobs by supporting American-made and Wisconsin-made goods and services as much as possible and passing this Buy American legislation.”

- **Brad Dorff, Sub-Director, USW District 7**

“American workers, and Wisconsin workers specifically, are hardworking and our labor helps create a wide array of high-quality products and services that can rival any foreign product. Our taxpayer dollars should go towards buying American-made and Wisconsin-made goods and services whenever and wherever possible. When our taxpayer dollars stay in our local communities, instead of being used to purchase items made in other countries, they help create good-paying jobs here and a strong middle class.

- **Alex Hoekstra, Directing Business Representative, IAMAW District 10**

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