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Sen. Pfaff Testifies in Support of Revitalized Farmland Preservation Program

(**Madison, WI**) – This morning, the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Tourism held a public hearing on Senate Bill 68, which updates Wisconsin's Farmland Preservation Program. During the hearing, Senator Brad Pfaff (D-Onalaska), a co-sponsor of the bill, issued the following remarks:

"One of the things that makes Wisconsin special is our commitment to our agricultural economy. I can think of few things as important as preserving this heritage for the generations that will come after us."

"By increasing the tax incentives in the program, we will provide meaningful property tax relief at a time that has been especially challenging for farmers. The bill also reduces the number of years a farm is committed to the program from 15 years to 10. This will help incentivize more participation. The last time the program was updated was over a decade ago, and it is time to make the program more attractive to farm families. I am please so many agricultural stakeholders have expressed their support for this proposal."

"With this proposal, we are not only increasing the incentives to participate now, because the bill indexes the incentives to inflation, it will help maintain the attractiveness of the program for years to come."

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