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### **REPRESENTATIVE HUTTON TO RECEIVE “FRIEND OF GROCERS” AWARD**

Madison, Wisconsin (*September 27, 2018*) – Representative Rob Hutton (R-Brookfield) will receive the “Friend of Grocers” Award from the Wisconsin Grocers Association on October 2, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at Metro Market, 17630 W. Bluemound Rd. in Brookfield.

The “Friend of Grocers” Award is given to legislators who score an “A” on the WGA’s Legislative Report Card – an extensive study of all legislators’ performance in the 2017-2018 Legislative Session. Lawmakers are graded according to their actions on certain issues that are especially important to the grocery industry, including: unemployment insurance reforms; personal property tax relief; and several labor issues.

“This is Rep. Hutton’s first Friend of Grocer Award,” said WGA President & CEO Brandon Scholz. “While Rep. Hutton has always been supportive of the grocery industry, this past session he was the lead author on legislation that preempted local employment issues, which was a huge concern for WGA members.”

In addition to receiving the Friend of Grocers Award, Representative Hutton receives the endorsement of the Wisconsin Grocers Association toward his re-election efforts.

The award will be presented to Rep. Hutton by Brandon Scholz and Jim Hyland, VP Communications & Public Affairs for Roundy’s. Members of the media are invited and encouraged to attend.

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**The Wisconsin Grocers Association is the only statewide trade group representing retail, wholesale, suppliers and vendors in the grocery industry. According to the Food Marketing Institute’s 2017 Economic Impact Statements Wisconsin’s grocery industry employs more than 150,000 people and has a total economic impact of more than \$15.6 billion.**