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REP. KOOYENGA NAMED PROPERTY TAXPAYER CHAMPION

MADISON- WPT announced today that it will present Rep. Dale Kooyenga (R-Brookfield) with a 2018 Property Taxpayer Champion Award in recognition of his commitment to the taxpayers of the State of Wisconsin.

"I'm not sure Wisconsin residents could ask for a more committed lawmaker to be fighting on their behalf," John Jacobson, WPT's government and member relations director said. "As Vice Co-Chair of Joint Finance, Representative Kooyenga's leadership on eliminating an entire tax and reducing the personal property tax while achieving historic investments in Wisconsin's classrooms really made this award a no-brainer for WPT and our 18,000 members. Wisconsin's families and small business owners are now able to keep more of their hard-earned money instead of handing it over to Madison, and they can thank Rep. Kooyenga for that."

The 2017-2019 state budget included a substantial partial repeal of the personal property tax, allowing for small businesses to annually reinvest \$74.4 million in their local economies and workforce. Additionally, the budget eliminated the only state-levied property tax on Wisconsin families, totaling around \$90 million per year.

"I am so proud to receive this award. I have always believed in a fair and simple tax code that rewards taxpayers not tax collectors. We have delivered relief to families by lowering property taxes. In fact, property taxes are lower today than they were in 2010." said Kooyenga. "We have made measurable progress toward simplifying the tax code in Wisconsin, but our work is not done. Wisconsin's taxes are still high, and I will continue to fight for the pro-growth tax policies that have resulted in Wisconsin's economic success."

WPT and its members thank Representative Kooyenga for his work, and look forward to the opportunity to work with him in future legislative sessions

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