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WANGGAARD RECOGNIZED FOR ANTI-DRUNK DRIVING EFFORTS **Mothers Against Drunk Driving Names Wanggaard as a “Legislator of the Year”**

MADISON – Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) has recognized State Senator Van Wanggaard (R-Racine) as one of Wisconsin’s Legislators of the Year for 2019. Wanggaard was recognized for his “tireless and unwavering efforts in helping to support and advance the mission of drunk driving.”

“Drunk Driving is an entirely preventable situation, and all too often, a tragedy,” said Wanggaard. “I’m glad that MADD is pushing for greater awareness, and honored to receive this recognition for my anti-drunk driving efforts.”

Over the last several years, Wanggaard has offered multiple legislative proposals to oppose drunk driving, including last year’s “4 strikes” law, which permanently revokes the driver’s license of a person convicted of four drunk related offenses. Wanggaard has also offered legislation strengthening ignition interlock laws, and advocated for programs that insist on absolute sobriety, like the 24/7 program.

“There is no silver bullet to stopping drunk driving,” Wanggaard said. “But by increasing awareness, providing tools to prevent drunk driving, and providing alcohol treatment for drunk drivers we can hopefully end this public health problem in Wisconsin.”

This is the second time Wanggaard was awarded MADD’s Legislator of the Year. He was previously recognized in 2016. On Wednesday, he and his committee voted to support 10 anti-drunk driving bills, 2 of which Wanggaard authored himself. In previous sessions, he has advanced multiple anti-drunk driving bills through the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee, which he chairs.

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