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### **Senator Janis Ringhand Statement on Brad Pfaff**

Today, the Republican majority failed to confirm Secretary of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection designee Brad Pfaff. Senator Janis Ringhand issued the following statement after the vote.

“Brad Pfaff’s knowledge and experience in agriculture began by working on his family’s farm. He knows first-hand the challenges facing today’s family farmers and it was disheartening to see my Republican colleagues once again turn to the book of dirty politics and reject such a qualified and strong advocate for family farmers.

Wisconsin’s Agriculture community strongly supported Brad Pfaff.

While President Trump’s Agriculture Secretary believes that family farmers are “whiners” who should go out of business, Brad Pfaff represents and stands up for the family farmer because he is one.

Instead of helping the little guy, Republicans choose to help the big boys, the healthy and wealthy corporate farms at the expense of the family farmer. Republicans consistently choose corporate farms over family farmers.

Today could have been a victory for family farmers and Wisconsin’s agricultural community instead it creates uncertainty during a tumultuous time for our farmers. Wisconsin leads the nation in farm bankruptcies. My Republican colleagues need to reevaluate their priorities and stand up for Wisconsin’s farmers and not be the party of corporate farms.”

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