



Media Release

For Immediate Release
November 5, 2019

Contact: Rep. Katrina Shankland
(608) 267-9649

Rep. Shankland: Statement on DATCP Secretary Confirmation Vote

MADISON – Today, Republican members of the Wisconsin State Senate voted to reject the appointment of Brad Pfaff as Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP). This rejection comes after his nomination passed unanimously in a Senate committee earlier this year. The State Senate has not fired a cabinet member since at least 1987.

In response, Rep. Katrina Shankland (D- Stevens Point) issued the following statement:

“Brad Pfaff has the knowledge, experience, and passion for the job of Secretary of DATCP, as well as the support of farmers and agriculture stakeholders from communities across our state. I’m grateful that he came to my district to learn more about our producer-led watershed groups and hear from farmers about nutrient management and reducing nitrate pollution. He has shown outstanding dedication to improving the lives and livelihoods of Wisconsin farmers, and is a phenomenal public servant and advocate. I am profoundly disappointed that every Republican senator chose to reject the appointment of such a strong and qualified nominee at a time when our rural communities need steady leadership, not petulant and partisan game playing.”

###