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## Rep. Tittl Bill Opens Door for Recycling Opportunities in State

**Madison**: In 2017 Rep. Tittl (R-Manitowoc) authored legislation signed by the Governor, opening the door for the recycling of plastics that formerly were not being recycled. Plastic recycling facilities to locate in Wisconsin. As a result, Wisconsin municipalities could see new jobs headed their way.

Brightmark of San Francisco has announced a nationwide search for new plastic recycling sites. They expect to invest \$500 million to \$1 billion in its next facility.

"These facilities can produce new fuels, wax, and other products from currently non-recycled plastics," said Rep. Tittl. "That means non-recyclable items such coffee cup lids, hotel room keys, and beef jerkey wrappers can be turned into fuel rather than being dumped into our landfills."

Brightmark is currently completing construction of a \$260 million renewal facility in Northeast Indiana.

"Before my bill was signed into law, pyrolysis companies did not consider Wisconsin as an option for new facilities," said Rep. Tittl. "Because of the change in the law, Wisconsin municipalities can compete to have those facilities bringing jobs to Wisconsin rather than neighboring states."

"It's a win-win," said Tittl "We get the jobs and we preserve precious landfill space for items that cannot be recycled.

Act 284 was authored by State Representative Paul Tittl and State Senator Robert Cowles, creating the necessary regulatory foundation for plastic recycling facilities to locate in Wisconsin.

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