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### **Nate Zimdars Announces Bid for Senate District 14**

**Ripon, WI** — Ripon resident Nate Zimdars is formally announcing his campaign to serve as State Senator for Senate District 14.

In launching this campaign, Democrat Zimdars says, “Now is the time for new leadership. We need an authentic rural voice, someone who is willing to fight for our small towns, farms, and everyone who calls this slice of heaven home. I don’t want to see rural Wisconsin left behind. We cannot continue to elect the same people over and over while expecting different results. This is my home and it is where I am called to serve. Together, we can bring about positive change and ensure that rural spaces throughout our state continue to be places where anyone can work, live, and truly thrive. I believe we can do this. Together we can and together, we will.”

Zimdars has several priority areas for his campaign. Agriculture, being one of the largest sources of economic activity in the state, has been weathering difficult times over the past several years with farms making hard decisions to sell cows or change enterprises every day. It is important to have someone with an intimate connection to the agriculture community at the table to discuss policy that will support farmers of all commodities and farm sizes.

Nate also wants this campaign to focus on policies that revolve around investing in rural infrastructure—broadband, quality roads, the health of local businesses, and clean water systems to name a few. As a survivor of sexual assault and with a diagnosis on the autism spectrum, Nate knows that rural Wisconsin is a place full of diverse people who need support from our justice, social, and healthcare systems. Providing affordable and accessible healthcare to everyone in Wisconsin, regardless of socioeconomic status, is another priority Nate wants to continue to shed light on.

Zimdars was raised in Ripon, having spent most of his life in the countryside south of town. The Zimdars family has farmed in the Ripon area for 145 years. His uncles and cousins

still own and operate Zimdars Family Farm where they milk 200 cows. Growing up, Zimdars raised sheep and poultry for 4-H and FFA projects and spent countless hours on the farm, helping with chores until he was old enough to do the more intense manual labor himself. Whenever the opportunity arises, Zimdars still enjoys being able to help on the farm.

Nate graduated from Ripon High School in 2011. Following graduation, he attended the University of Wisconsin—Fond du Lac. While at Fond du Lac, Nate had the opportunity to serve as the Wisconsin FFA State Treasurer for a year, representing FFA Chapters from over 25 school districts in South-Central Wisconsin. He then transferred to the University of Wisconsin—Madison, where he studied History and Political Science.

Following his education at Madison, Zimdars served as a missionary with the ELCA Lutheran church in the West African nation of Senegal for a year. Upon returning to Wisconsin, Zimdars continued his work for the church traveling across the nation to speak about the value of supporting international service and social justice ministries. Even after living overseas and traveling the country extensively, Zimdars made a decision to return home to the place that helped shape and form him into the man he is today.

Driven by a call to serve his community, Nate was elected to the Ripon Area School Board. Locally, he serves as Vice President of the Ripon FFA Alumni chapter and sits on the Board of Directors for the Fond du Lac County Farm Bureau. At the state level, Nate serves on the Board of Directors for the Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault and is the State Vice President of the Wisconsin FFA Alumni. Nate currently works third shift on the production line at Saputo Cheese in the small farming community of Alto. He also visits various organizations and events as a public speaker sharing presentations on topics ranging from international living to agriculture to sexual assault awareness.

Nate is excited to travel across the district to meet with voters and listen to their concerns from now until Election Day.

For more information, follow Zimdars on Facebook at “Nate Zimdars for Senate”, Twitter at @Zimdars4Senate, and Instagram at zimdars4senate.

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