

U.S. Rep. Kind: Hosts roundtable in Platteville with Wisconsin farmers, workers and manufacturers to discuss safeguarding Wisconsin's rural economy

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Rural Economy Roundtable focused on Wisconsin businesses impacted by increased steel and aluminum tariffs and tariff retaliation

Platteville – Today, U.S. Rep. Ron Kind hosted a roundtable in Platteville to listen and hear directly from Wisconsin workers, farmers and manufacturers about the impact of increased steel and aluminum tariffs and the subsequent retaliation on Wisconsin exports. The attendees of the roundtable also discussed how to best safeguard the health of Wisconsin's rural economy.

“Industries and businesses that Wisconsin is proud of, like our world-class dairy, pork, and manufacturing, are facing damage to their bottom lines because of the President's bad trade policies and self-inflicted mistakes,” said Rep. Ron Kind. “I am thankful for the opportunity to hear directly from Platteville-area farmers, workers and families about how this is impacting our economy. I will continue to fight for a level playing field and expanded markets for Wisconsin producers.”

The Rural Economy Roundtable in Platteville included area farmers, members of the

Wisconsin Corn Growers association, the National Pork Producers, Grant County Economic Development, and other impacted individuals.

According to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, over \$1 billion of Wisconsin exports are threatened by the President's Trade War, with the hardest hit industries including dairy, cranberry and bean growers, pork producers, and paper and pulp manufacturers. Over 800,000 Wisconsin jobs are supported by global trade.