

# Sen. Marklein: Statement on livestock facility siting legislation

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Madison, WI – Senator Howard Marklein (R-Spring Green) made the following statement on Senate Bill (SB) 808 related to livestock facility siting.

“My goal in crafting the livestock facility siting bill was always to support agriculture while maintaining local control for local governments. We worked hard, for months, to seek a balance between the needs of agriculture and the authority of local governments.

Unfortunately, one of the stakeholders raised an issue that we could not overcome in time to complete the bill this session. The change they requested would have impacted local control and I was not willing to create an imbalance in this legislation. Our original proposal was a good bill that gave farmers certainty and predictability while maintaining local control. This was my goal from the beginning of the process.

I will continue to work with the farmers and the local government leaders I represent, along with the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP), to find ways to work together for the strength and prosperity of agriculture in Wisconsin.

Even though this bill will not move forward, I am extremely proud of our work on more than 40 other agriculture-related bills that I have been working on throughout the session. I am also proud of our work to build awareness and begin conversations about important topics in agriculture.”