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Representative Steffen to Chair International Affairs and Commerce Committee

Legislator will lead newly established committee focused on advancing international relations

**Madison-** State Representative David Steffen (R-Howard) announced today that he has been selected to Chair the newly established International Affairs and Commerce Committee in the Wisconsin State Assembly. The committee will focus its efforts on fostering international investment opportunities in Wisconsin as well as export opportunities for Wisconsin products and services. Promoting international trade, communication, tourism and investment, will be key policy points within the committee's scope.

"I am incredibly excited to lead this committee and would like to thank Speaker Vos for providing me with this opportunity. This committee is a crucial step in ensuring that Wisconsin remains at the forefront of promoting strong international investment and export relationships—the economic opportunities here are boundless. Every day, advancing technology continues to enable our connectedness not only to our neighbors, but to those across the globe as well. This committee will work to grow Wisconsin's existing international ties, as well as explore new ones," said Rep. Steffen.

Representative Steffen's extensive background in the international sphere, serving as the Director of Operations for the Legislative Leadership Institute Academy of Foreign Affairs, positioned him as a highly qualified legislator to lead on this committee.

"Several other states have already established similar committees with an international focus. Wisconsin is taking a very positive step forward by also recognizing the importance of this opportunity and establishing a standing committee to focus on such efforts. The international opportunities in today's society are too significant and too accessible for Wisconsin not to be making every effort to be fully engaged. I am looking forward to getting started on this exciting, new opportunity!" said Rep. Steffen.

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