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## **Senator Schachtner Introduces Buy American Legislation**

(MADISON) –Today, Senator Patty Schachtner (D- Somerset) introduced legislation with Senator Jennifer Shilling (D- La Crosse) that would require the state of Wisconsin to utilize American-made materials in their projects.

Buy American bills strengthen America's economy by supporting our nation's hardworking men and women in a variety of industries. LRB-3753 would require that Wisconsin taxpayer money is used to support American businesses when purchasing materials. It would also create a provision that requires public contractors to use materials manufactured in America.

"Manufacturing is a critical part of Wisconsin's economy, especially in our corner of the state. We are taking action to support those homegrown businesses and their employees," said Senator Schachtner.

"It's not right our state's procurement laws implicitly favor foreign-made goods. That hurts Wisconsin's and America's middle class," said Jennifer Grabczyk, UAW Local 722 President, who works at a GM parts distribution center in Hudson, Wisconsin. "When our state opts for cheap goods, made in other countries — whether it be vehicles for the State Patrol, lab equipment for UW campuses, or steel used in construction projects — over American-made goods, the state literally chips away at our American middle class and manufacturing base with each purchase. I will be watching to see which politicians are willing to stand up and vote to Buy American."

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State Senator Patty Schachtner proudly represents Wisconsin's tenth senate district with 178,250 constituents. The district covers parts of Burnett, Dunn, Pierce, Polk, and St. Croix counties.