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Representative Tranel Receives Friend of Towns Award

Representative Travis Tranel of the 49th Assembly District was recently awarded the Wisconsin Towns Association 2019-20 Friend of the Towns Award for his work supporting town government. The award was presented by the Town of Jamestown Board.



(L-R) (front) Supervisor Steve Freese, Chairman Faber Runde (presenting award), Rep. Travis Tranel (back) Supervisors Mark Uthe, John Dalsing, Kent Runde

“Representative Tranel has a uniquely deep understanding of the rural economy, its dependence on an efficient supply chain, and the importance of road infrastructure in fostering a successful private sector and vibrant towns,” stated Mike Koles, WTA Executive Director. “Towns couldn’t ask for a more outspoken advocate for building 21st century town roads that support the agribusiness and food systems of today and tomorrow.”

Agriculture is the primary economic driver in a majority of towns. As animal agriculture grows and changes, there is an increasing need to engage in good community planning that provides for sound land use and a foundation for strong relationships between homeowners, farmers, and

other businesses. Representative Tranel knows this, and his leadership of a collaborative effort to overhaul the Livestock Facility Siting Law puts Wisconsin one step closer to developing a more efficient and effective land use foundation.

Friends of town government share a core belief that the best decisions occur in a decentralized system and closest to the people. They understand that local government leadership is the fuel for inventive solutions to public sector challenges and the key to unlocking the power of democracy. Representative Tranel recently illustrated this belief in local decision making by assisting several towns in taking on state bureaucracy, saving taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars.

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WTA President Jerry Derr added, “We truly appreciate Representative Tranel’s ability to jump start discussions not only on roads and livestock siting, but also water quality. Whenever towns need to spark a dialogue in the legislature, we know Representative Tranel is always there to help.”

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