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Legislators Introduce “Buy American” Package

*Sens. Pfaff, Wirsch and Reps. McGuire, Snodgrass, Doyle
proudly supporting American job creation*

MADISON – Today, Wisconsin legislators, led by Senator Brad Pfaff and Representative Tip McGuire, introduced legislation to ensure that the State of Wisconsin purchases goods that are made in America and in our state.

- LRB-0037/1, the **Buy American Act**, requires that the State of Wisconsin purchase goods that are – to the greatest extent possible – made in the United States.
- LRB-0038/1 amends Wisconsin’s state constitution, which currently requires that stationary purchases be awarded to the lowest bidder. This legislation requires that Wisconsin purchase from the lowest bidder operating in the state, unless no Wisconsin-based companies bid.

“Wisconsin-made products are some of the best in the world,” said **Senate lead author Brad Pfaff**, “This legislation will make sure our state government prioritizes the purchase of products made right here at home whenever they’re available—strengthening Wisconsin workers and Wisconsin businesses.”

“I am proud to introduce the Buy American bill package, which ensures that Wisconsin tax dollars go towards promoting American and Wisconsin job creation,” said **Rep. Tip McGuire**, “As we bounce back from the COVID-19 pandemic, now is the right time to invest in policies that will help strengthen and grow our middle class.”

“The tax dollars of Wisconsin’s hardworking men and women should be used to support Wisconsin, and American, businesses and jobs,” said **Sen. Bob Wirsch**, “I’m proud to co-sponsor these bills to help keep and create family-supporting jobs in our state and country.”



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“Wisconsin is the largest manufacturer of paper in the nation and the Buy American bill package helps support the mills and people and supply who depend on our consumption for their livelihood. As a former paper mill employee in the heart of the Paper Valley, I am proud to join Rep. McGuire and Senator Pfaff in introducing legislation that places our purchasing power in our home state,” said **Rep. Lee Snodgrass**.

“Here in Wisconsin, we are lucky to have a President in Joe Biden and a U.S. Senator in Tammy Baldwin who are fighting for Buy American policies every day in Washington,” said **Rep. Steve Doyle**, “I am proud to join their efforts so that our state can continue to be a leader in the Buy American movement.”

The Buy American package is also proudly supported by labor leaders from across Wisconsin:

“If you didn’t know it already the pandemic showed us all how truly broken our supply chains are in America. It’s time we reimaged manufacturing in America and put our economy on solid ground. This Buy American package sponsored by Rep. Tip McGuire and Sen. Brad Pfaff will encourage purchasing of Wisconsin made products by both state and local governments and in turn strengthen our U.S. based supply chains, support workers and rebuild our middle class.”

- **Stephanie Bloomingdale, President of the Wisconsin State AFL-CIO**

“The working men and women of the United Steelworkers are proud to support this commonsense Buy American legislation which will support American manufacturing, grow the strength of our American middle class, and support our Wisconsin paper industry. It is time to use the power of our tax dollars to save and create jobs by supporting American-made and Wisconsin-made goods and services as much as possible and passing this Buy American legislation.”

- **Michael Bolton, Director of United Steelworkers District 2**

“Wisconsin state and local governments should be promoting and prioritizing the use of local businesses for products and services. Wisconsin’s workers are hardworking and resilient and offer a wide array of high-quality products and services. When our taxpayer dollars stay in



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our local communities, they help create good-paying jobs here. However, when our state government purchases items that are made in other countries, it is a slap in the face to every man and woman who works hard to keep Wisconsin and the United States of America financially stable. We all need to support Wisconsin and American businesses and workers by purchasing goods and services made here whenever possible. Our jobs, our communities, and our state depend on it. Buy Wisconsin and Buy American!

- **Steve Frisque, President of UAW Local 722 (Hudson, WI)**

“As a shop chair and a worker in a manufacturing environment, I know firsthand that we make great products in Wisconsin and in the USA that can go toe-to-toe with any foreign product. Our taxpayer dollars should go towards buying American-made goods and services whenever and wherever possible.”

- **Hunter Scott, President of IAMAW Local Lodge 66**

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