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## Wisconsin Grocers Association Endorses Ralph Malicki for Racine County Executive

**Madison, WI (November 13, 2024)** – The Wisconsin Grocers Association (WGA) is proud to announce its endorsement of Ralph Malicki for Racine County Executive. This endorsement reflects Malicki's deep commitment to community service and his longstanding support for the economic and social well-being of Racine County.

Ralph Malicki's extensive record of community involvement demonstrates his dedication to fostering strong local ties and promoting economic growth. As a respected leader within the grocery industry and an advocate for local businesses, Malicki has championed initiatives that bolster community resilience, support small businesses, and create opportunities for local families.

"Ralph Malicki's leadership embodies the values that drive our members: a focus on community, a commitment to service, and an unwavering dedication to progress," said Mike Semmann, President and CEO of the Wisconsin Grocers Association. "We believe his vision and experience will greatly benefit the residents and businesses of Racine County."

Malicki's track record includes active participation in numerous local programs, partnerships with charitable organizations, and a proactive approach to addressing key challenges faced by the community. His leadership has consistently highlighted the importance of collaboration between the private sector and public initiatives to foster a thriving environment for all. Malicki is a 2014 WGA Community Service Award Winner.

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The Wisconsin Grocers Association represents nearly 500 independent grocers, retail grocery chain stores, warehouses and distributors, convenience stores, food brokers and suppliers. Wisconsin grocers employ over 30,000 people with over \$1 billion in payroll and generate more than \$12 billion in annual sales in Wisconsin resulting in approximately \$800 million in state sales tax revenue. (Data provided by The Food Institute).