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Port of Green Bay Expansion Becomes Official *Wimberger Celebrates Signed Agreement Between Brown County, C. Reiss Company to Begin Port of Green Bay Redevelopments*

MADISON – Senator Eric Wimberger (R-Gillett) released the following statement ahead of a signing ceremony between Brown County officials and the C. Reiss Coal Company to formally begin work to expand the Port of Green Bay, a project he has extensively supported at the state level in the past:

“Today’s signing results from work over many years at the local, state, and federal levels to expand Northeast Wisconsin’s greatest connection to the global economy. Consolidating Port operations and remediating environmental damage will revitalize the community, increase property values, create jobs, and spur investment. This tremendous step forward will be a great win for all of Northeast Wisconsin.

The Port’s expansion now begins with the long-awaited relocation of the coal piles from downtown Green Bay to the former Pulliam Power Plant site. While the redevelopment work is only beginning, today is an important day for Brown County and all of Northeast Wisconsin.”

In the 2023-25 state budget, Senator Wimberger secured \$20 million to assist in the full redevelopment of the Port of Green Bay.

Last May, [Senator Wimberger successfully urged DOA Secretary-designee Kathy Blumenfeld](#) to extend a deadline for local officials to negotiate a deal to move the coal piles, or risk losing a \$15 million state grant. Local leaders reached an agreement under this extended deadline, ensuring the \$15 million stayed with Brown County. These combined funds will work in conjunction to fund the full Port expansion project.

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State Senator Eric Wimberger is an attorney, small business owner, and former Marine Captain. He serves as a member of the Joint Committee on Finance and Co-Chair of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee. He represents the 2nd Senate District, including parts of Brown, Menominee, Oconto, Outagamie, Shawano, and Waupaca Counties.

A media kit for Senator Wimberger can be found [here](#).