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## SENATOR BALLWEG EARNS WPT'S CHAMPION OF THE TAXPAYER AWARD

BARABOO – Wisconsin Property Taxpayers awarded Senator Joan Ballweg with a Champion of the Taxpayer award while visiting WPT member Terrytown Plumbing, Heating, and Cooling in Baraboo.

"I have known Senator Ballweg for over 20 years, states WPT President Mike Marsch. As a small business owner serving our farm community, Senator Ballweg understands the difficulty and struggles family-owned small businesses and farms persevere through daily and is committed to helping them to not only survive, but to be profitable by limiting excessive regulation and preventing increased taxation." "It's been an honor working with her."

"Throughout the past legislative session, Senator Ballweg repeatedly invested her effort and leadership into advocating for taxpayers throughout Wisconsin." added Paul Rozeski, WPT Director of Government Relations and Member Services. "We commend her efforts on TIF districts, a variety of tax cuts, reciprocity agreements, and consumer protection efforts to strengthen Wisconsin. Now more than ever, a strong tax climate is a critical foundation to a strong economy and prosperity for all Wisconsinites."

"I appreciate the Wisconsin Property Taxpayer's recognition with the Champion of the Taxpayer Award for my efforts to strengthen our small businesses and family farms," said Senator Joan Ballweg. "For over 47 years, my husband and I have proudly operated our agribusiness, witnessing firsthand the impacts of Wisconsin's rural communities. I am committed to advocating for the needs of Wisconsinites, strengthening our economy, creating jobs and improving our tax climate."

The Champion of the Taxpayer Award is awarded to state legislators that work to correct and improve our tax climate and the investment of those dollars to benefit Wisconsin and all our fellow citizens. WPT looks forward to continuing the tradition of recognizing lawmakers that consistently make that mission a priority.

Also on hand were Terrytown Plumbing President Gary Kowalke and VP Andi Mueller, and WPT Agricultural Membership Manager Matt Demmerly.

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Wisconsin Property Taxpayers is a nonpartisan membership organization consisting of thousands of small businesses, farms, and property owners in every corner of the state. Founded in 1985, the organization is committed to providing its members with up-to-date information, legislative advocacy, and exclusive cost-saving benefits.

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