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## **Sen. Dan Feyen Receives WEDA's Champion of Economic Development Legislative Award**

**Madison, WI** – The Wisconsin Economic Development Association (WEDA) recently presented State Sen. Dan Feyen (R-Fond du Lac) with the organization's 2022 "Champion of Economic Development" legislative award for his leadership on legislative initiatives to drive economic growth and prosperity in Wisconsin. The award was presented at a local Childcare and the Workforce Business Roundtable held at Amcor Flexibles in Oshkosh, WI

"Since he was first elected, Senator Feyen has been front and center on key economic development issues, leading the charge on creative initiatives to promote growth and prosperity in Wisconsin," said Michael Welsh, WEDA Legislative Affairs Director. "We greatly appreciated his leadership during the 2021-22 session to develop and advance legislation to help address the state's workforce shortage crisis and provide communities with key economic development tools."

Sen. Feyen earned the "Champion of Economic Development" designation for his critical work on a wide range of legislation, from proposals to strengthen Wisconsin's workforce to initiatives aimed at boosting the state's housing stock and encouraging the redevelopment of blighted properties.

The "Champion of Economic Development" award is presented at the end of each legislative session to state lawmakers who demonstrate extraordinary support for important economic development policies. This year WEDA is presenting the award to 20 state lawmakers who exhibited an exceptional commitment to growing Wisconsin's economy based on several factors, including voting record, sponsorship of legislation, and responsiveness to critical economic development issues.

Feyen, who was first elected to the Wisconsin Senate in 2016, represents the 18<sup>th</sup> Senate District, which includes large portions of Fond du Lac and Winnebago Counties. He serves as the Senate Assistant Majority Leader and chairs of the Senate Economic and Workforce Development Committee. Feyen, who expressed his thanks for WEDA's recognition, said, "It's no secret that workforce shortages are holding back the Wisconsin economy. Our business community is desperately seeking qualified employees and we need to look at every possible avenue to help attract new workers to fill these jobs."

The Wisconsin Economic Development Association, founded in 1975, is a statewide non-profit organization dedicated to growing Wisconsin's economy. Driven by the needs of our members, we represent the economic development interests of both the private and public sectors through professional development, best practices, and advocacy.

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