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Wisconsin Builders Association Applauds Signing of Legislation

March 21, 2024 – The Wisconsin Builders Association (WBA) applauded Governor Evers on signing three pieces of legislation that will directly benefit the home building industry and Wisconsin residents.

“It has been well documented and discussed that Wisconsin is facing a critical shortage of housing for the workforce across the state,” said WBA President Jim Doering. “The commitment shown by WBA, other statewide associations and legislators, and Governor Evers is imperative to helping solve this workforce housing crisis.”

- Senate Bill 413 establishes a clear framework for developers in facilitating placement of improvements in highway setback, and Wisconsin Department of Transportation’s (WI DOT) authority to approve subdivision plats, and has the potential to ease the burden to build more needed housing. Lead authors: Senator Cory Tomczk (R-Mosinee) and Representative Dave Murphy (R-Greenville)
- Senate Bill 580 adds construction to an existing program in which recipients will now have the ability to use funds for the enhancement or improvement of a technical education facility or equipment relating to construction; grant was previously solely for manufacturing. Lead authors: Senator Rob Stafsholt (R-New Richmond) and Representative Chanz Green (R-Grand View)
- Senate Bill 585 will create a small business tax credit for those who invest in workforce housing and/or invest in a childcare program for eligible employees. Lead authors: Senator Dan Feyen (R-Fond du Lac) and Representative Dave Armstrong (R-Rice Lake)

“While these pieces of legislation are vastly different from each other, easing development burdens, enhanced construction programs in schools, and housing investments for our workforce all have the ability to not only benefit the home building industry, but residents across Wisconsin,” said WBA Executive Director Brad Boycks.

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Photo Caption: L-R Jim Doering, Brad Boycks

About the Wisconsin Builders Association

The Wisconsin Builders Association is a professional trade association comprised of 21 local associations dedicated to helping members build communities around the state. We advocate the interests of 4,000 home building industry members to keep housing affordable and accessible for Wisconsin families, Protecting the American Dream for over 75 years.