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### **Senator Olsen Receives Friend of Towns Award**

Senator Luther Olsen of the 14th Senate District was recently awarded the 2017-18 Friend of the Towns Award at the Waushara County Unit Meeting of the WTA for his efforts on behalf of town interests.

“Senator Olsen steadfastly supports town government leadership on transformational opportunities, such as, transportation, rural broadband, public safety, and economic development” said Mike Koles, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Towns Association.

“Senator Olsen is a pillar of common sense whose approach stands out in government.”

Friends of town government share a core belief that the best decisions occur in a decentralized system and closest to the people. They understand that local government leadership is the fuel for inventive solutions to public sector challenges and the key to unlocking the power of democracy.

Senator Olsen has been a critical ally of town government in the legislature. Not only does he defend the age old truth that local decision making results in the wisest outcomes, but he also fights to advance the ability of local government to effectively serve citizens. He currently is serving as chair of the Legislative Council Study Committee on Property Tax Assessment Practices, a committee that is looking at the “dark store” tax issue. Senator Olsen’s leadership coupled with his understanding of local government issues have been invaluable to towns.

“Senator Olsen truly understands the entrepreneurial design behind town government and how critical it is to provide local leaders with opportunities to craft innovative solutions for today’s and tomorrow’s challenges. We are thankful for his efforts and are excited to announce him as a Friend of Towns,” Koles added.

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