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## **Sen. Cowles Receives Friend of Towns Award**

Senator Rob Cowles of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Senate District was awarded the 2017-18 Friend of the Towns Award for his efforts on behalf of town interests.

“Senator Cowles truly understands the critical role of local leadership in our communities throughout Wisconsin,” said Mike Koles, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Towns Association. “He knows that our founding fathers intended for local government leaders to have the most influence when it comes to decision making.”

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.

One of Sen. Cowles numerous achievements during the last legislative session was simplifying ATV route laws for towns. His work on Act 193 saved towns and taxpayers thousands of dollars on signing costs and created a common sense approach for signing ATV routes. He also co-authored legislation to close the “dark store” tax loophole, a bill that would prevent a tax shift to homeowners.

“Senator Cowles has been an ardent defender of towns,” Koles added. “Senator Cowles has shown tremendous leadership in advocating for town governments and local leaders, and is extremely deserving of recognition as a Friend of Towns.”

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