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Gunther Named 2019 MGA Hero of the Food Industry

St. Paul, MN – November 5, 2019 – The Minnesota Grocers Association announced Representative Bob Gunther (R-Fairmont) as a 2019 Hero of the Food Industry. Gunther received the honor for his leadership in advancing the food industry's priorities during the 2019 Minnesota Legislative Session.

"Representative Gunther has never forgotten his grocer roots and has always brought his main street Minnesota common sense to St. Paul to promote legislation that creates jobs and careers for his constituents. Last legislative session, he once again displayed outstanding commitment in advocating for policies that spur economic activity and put more money back in the pockets of hardworking Minnesotans. He truly is a champion of a free marketplace, not placing undue burdens on local business, and helping our neighbors keep their shopping baskets full," said Jamie Pfuhl, President of the Minnesota Grocers Association. "This award is a testament to his vision, leadership, and support of the entire industry from farm to fork."

"Minnesota has a diverse economy and the food industry is an important part in creating a vibrant economy. Our community is blessed to have an abundant network of job creators to the industry, which provides one out of every twenty jobs in the state," said Gunther. "I strongly support policies that create jobs and allow families to invest in their community. I am honored to receive this award from the Minnesota Grocers Association. I will continue to advocate for consumers, main street Minnesota businesses, and all Minnesotans."

The Minnesota Grocers Association (MGA) is the only state trade association that represents the food industry of Minnesota from farm to fork. We are a legacy organization, having served the industry for over 120 years. We have over 300 retail, manufacturer, and wholesale members supporting nearly 1,300 locations statewide. Our member companies employ over 150,000 union and non-union Minnesotans. We actively advance the common interest of all those engaged in any aspect of the retail food industry as a leader and advocate in government affairs.

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Picture 1: Jamie Pfuhl, President, Minnesota Grocers Association; Representative Bob Gunther (R-Fairmont); Aaron Speltz, manager, Hy-Vee Food Store; Mike Karbo, Vice President Government Affairs, Minnesota Grocers Association.