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Statement from WCPA on Thompson Appointment for Secretary of the Department of Transportation

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(Green Bay, WI) Dean Haen, president of the <u>Wisconsin Commercial Ports Association</u>, issued the following statement on the appointment of Craig Thompson as Secretary of the Department of Transportation:

"On behalf of the Wisconsin Commercial Ports Association, I want to express our enthusiastic support for Governor-elect Evers's choice of Craig Thompson to serve as the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation," stated Dean Haen, Port of Green Bay Director and WCPA President. "Having served on the Board of Directors of the Transportation Development Association of Wisconsin, I have had the opportunity to work closely with Mr. Thompson over the years. He has a firm understanding of the important role our commercial ports play in the overall economy of the state of Wisconsin."

"Craig has been a consistent advocate for ports at the federal and state levels and frequently reminds policymakers of the tremendous return on investment we get from supporting our ports" said Mr. Haen. "I can't think of anyone better positioned to bring our state together around a shared vision for our entire transportation network."

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About the WCPA

The Wisconsin Commercial Ports Association (WCPA) was created in 2001 by the municipal commercial ports of Wisconsin. Since then, the membership has grown to include privately operated terminals and port related service providers including engineering firms, construction companies, state and federal government agencies, port service providers, representatives from other modes of transportation and more. The purpose of WCPA is to provide a medium for the exchange of ideas, methods, information, and experiences as they relate to port management; promote and encourage legislation and regulation on all levels for the good of Wisconsin ports and shipping; promote and encourage the public's understanding of the value of shipping and the port to the community; and cooperate with all governmental agencies and industry organizations having a primary goal of "Growing Waterborne Transportation in Wisconsin."

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