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MEDIA ADVISORY

Governor Doyle to Testify in Washington, DC on Farm Bill

Will Hold Conference Call with Reporters Following Meeting with Senate Committee on Agriculture

Governor Jim Doyle, as Chairman of the Midwestern Governors Association, will travel to Washington, D.C. to testify before the Senate Committee on Agriculture on the critical importance of reauthorizing the Farm Bill, tomorrow, Tuesday, May 1, 2007. Following the testimony, at 2:00 p.m. CDT, Governor Doyle will hold a 30 minute conference call with reporters to talk about the future of the Farm Bill and the strength of Wisconsin's agricultural industry.

"The importance of farming goes beyond economics. In Wisconsin, across the Midwest, and across the county, our future is rooted in a growing, innovative, and thriving agricultural industry," Governor Doyle said. "These conservation priorities will help us pass the baton to the next generation of farm families, who will preserve a way of life that is the backbone of our culture and values. "

Through the Conservation Reserve Program, the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, and the Wetland Reserve Program, the Farm Bill is able to provide nearly millions of dollars to Midwestern states to protect and preserve hundreds of thousands of acres of crucial farm, forest, and wetland areas, and thousands of miles of streams that nourish crops across the state.

Due to time constraints, the topic of the call will be limited to the Farm Bill.

WHAT: Conference Call with Reporters to Discuss Farm Bill

**WHEN: Tuesday, May 1, 2007
2:00 p.m. CDT**

NOTE: Reporters interested in participating in the conference call must contact Carla Vigue in the Governor's Office at 608-261-2162 to obtain the call-in number and conference code.

In addition to Doyle, the current members of the Midwestern Governors Association include: Gov. Rod Blagojevich of Illinois, Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels, Iowa Gov. Chet Culver, Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius, Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty, Missouri Gov. Matt Blunt, Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman, North Dakota Gov. John Hoeven, Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland, and South Dakota Governor M. Michael Rounds.

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