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## Rep. Mark Born Receives 2023 Advocate of the Year Award from WHA

*Born recognized for championing policies that support access to quality patient care in Wisconsin*

**MADISON, Wis.** — The Wisconsin Hospital Association (WHA) has recognized State Rep. Mark Born (R-Beaver Dam) with the Association's 2023 Health Care Advocate of the Year Award.



Born was honored at WHA's annual Advocacy Day event on April 19 in Madison for his partnership with local hospital leaders and his support for legislation to provide necessary Medicaid funding to hospitals, remove unnecessary regulations and bolster the state's health care workforce.

Marshfield Medical Center – Beaver Dam Chief Administrative Officer Angelia Foster presented Born with the award at WHA's Advocacy Day attended by nearly 1,000 hospital advocates.

"Rep. Born has not only been a responsive state representative, but he has also been a proactive ally and supporter of everything we do," **said Foster.**

"Today, hospitals are dealing with some of the most challenging times that most of us have ever encountered in our careers. Mark knows these challenges firsthand due to his relationship with [our hospital] and his work on the UW Hospital board of directors. And he is already working to address many of these issues in the upcoming state budget, because he knows these problem impact access to quality patient care."

"Hospitals are a key foundation of our state's health care system, providing critical access to essential medical services in every corner of our state," **said Rep. Born.** "I appreciate working alongside the Wisconsin Hospital Association to help ensure that people throughout Wisconsin have access to high-quality health care."

WHA's Advocacy Day is the premier health care advocacy event in Wisconsin with nearly 1,000 attendees representing nearly every hospital and health system in Wisconsin. WHA's Advocate of the Year Award is given each year to a lawmaker who supports Wisconsin hospitals and champions health care issues.

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