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Rep. Kind to Announce Legislation to Expand Markets for Area Meat Processors

Washington, DC – U.S. Rep. Ron Kind (D-WI) will join State Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP) Secretary Rod Nilsestuen to announce new legislation to expand the market for meat processing business in western Wisconsin and across the nation on **Tuesday, April 3, 2007 at 11:30 a.m. at RJ's Meats in Hudson.**

Rep. Kind and Secretary Nilsestuen will take a tour of RJ's Meats, an award-winning small meat processor in Hudson, and then will be available to the media to discuss *The Expanding Markets for Small Meat Processors Act*, Rep. Kind's legislation to allow interstate shipments of state-inspected meat.

States often develop their own meat inspection programs to provide the flexibility needed to accommodate small businesses. Although these inspection programs are equivalent to federal standards, currently there are restrictions on the interstate shipment of state-inspected meat. No other agricultural commodity has this type of restriction, and it severely hinders the ability of these businesses to grow. *The Expanding Markets for Small Meat Processors Act* would eliminate the interstate shipment ban, while ensuring that states maintain their high safety standards.

Rep. Kind is a new member of the House Ways and Means Committee, which has jurisdiction over tax and trade issues.

- WHO:** U.S. Rep Ron Kind (D-WI)
Wisconsin DATCP Secretary Rod Nilsestuen
Rick Reams, RJ's Meats
- WHAT:** Tour of RJ's Meats and Media Availability on
The Expanding Markets for Small Meat Processors Act
*Media are invited to attend the tour
- WHERE:** RJ's Meats
1101 Coulee Road
Hudson
- WHEN:** Tuesday, April 3, 2007
11:30 a.m. (CDT)