

NEED HELP?

HERE TO SERVE means that I must be available to you! In addition to my legislative and community work, I provide a variety of services through my office.

LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS

I believe it is very important to recognize those who have made a positive contribution to our community.

I am happy to present constituents with a legislative citation to honor their public service efforts or a special achievement. If you would like to request a citation for you or someone, please contact my office at 608-266-5813.

CASEWORK

I am happy to help you with problems involving state agencies or local governments. Contact my office for assistance.

PUBLICATIONS AND FLAGS

Please contact my office if you would like to receive a Wisconsin state highway map, Living Will, or Blue Book. Both American flags and Wisconsin flags are available for purchase.

CAPITOL TOURS

If you would like to visit the Capitol, free tours are given daily from 9:00–11:00 a.m. and 1:00–4:00 p.m.

INTERSHIPS

My office offers year round internships. High school and college students are welcome to apply.

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2019–2020 Legislative Session

Serving portions of Milwaukee and Wauwatosa

EMPOWERING THE 12TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT THROUGH RESPONSIBLE AND RESPONSIVE REPRESENTATION

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- 26 school, church, and hospital visits
- 7 listening, coffee, and town hall sessions
- 331 community and policy meetings
- 118 community events and speeches
- **482** total community activities

COMMUNICATIONS

- 40 media interviews
- 40 press releases
- 61 guest columns published
- 866 social media posts
- **105,404** legislative e-updates provided this session

CONSTITUENT SERVICE

- 33 interns serving this session
- **1,207** constituent contacts and casework addressed

A Divided House

Making state government work for all!



Dear Neighbor,

The results of the 2018 election ushered in a new day in Wisconsin politics. While both chambers of the state legislature are still controlled by the Republican Party, a Democratic Governor was elected, which means both parties now share power. This change means my colleagues and I have a greater responsibility to our constituents to engage in ardent listening and collaboration. I am happy to report that throughout this legislative session we were able to find common ground and help move the needle of progress in the right direction. I wanted to share with you the work that I am doing as your elected State Representative. Not only is this your way to hold me accountable, its also an opportunity for me to review and improve my work. I hope you enjoy and find the contents of this newsletter helpful.

Lakeshia Myers

DOING THE WORK

| Legislative Proposals | LaKeshia Myers | All Legislature |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Authored | 26 | 1,037 |
| Co-Sponsored | 149 | 1,037 |
| Bills Enacted into Law | 3 | 184 |

USDA Student Employment Opportunities

The U.S. Department of Agriculture offers various opportunities for students and recent graduates to work in the agricultural, science, and business fields. The programs are offered to middle, high school, and college students, as well as those interested in

post-secondary apprenticeship. The Student Employment Opportunities program serves as the umbrella for all the student and recent graduate programs offered at USDA. For more information regarding USDA student opportunities please visit their website at www.usda.gov/our-agency/careers/usda-pathways-programs or contact my office.



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THE BOX

Employment Pathways

Agricultural Marketing Service
Food Safety
Foreign Agriculture
Information Technology
International Agriculture

“Serving on the Agriculture Committee allows me the opportunity to showcase and educate others on the expansion of urban farming.”

— Rep. Myers





PROVIDING THE 12TH'S VOICE

Legislative Committees

- Committee on Agriculture
- Committee on Education
- Committee on Federalism and Interstate Relations
- Committee on Regulatory Licensing Reform
- Committee on Tourism
- Speaker's Task Force on Adoption



COVID-19 in Wisconsin

COVID-19 is a virus that has not previously infected humans and information about its rate of spread and its effects is still largely unknown. On March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization officially declared COVID-19 a pandemic. The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. As of April 3, 2020, Wisconsin had 1,843 cases and 37 deaths as a result of COVID-19. Specifically in Milwaukee County, out of the 945 COVID-19 cases, 18 deaths have resulted. Reducing the risk of COVID-19 in Milwaukee is a top priority for me, therefore I am practicing social distancing. Please continue to use my office as a resource if you have any questions.

A Safer Milwaukee

Since taking office I have been committed to ensuring that the twelfth district remained a safe community for all of us to live, work, and play. As such, I have forged relationships with the Milwaukee and Wauwatosa Police Departments to ensure that you receive consistent and timely updates regarding crime that may occur in our district. I am pleased to report that crime decreased significantly in our district in 2019. This was due in part to the reactivation of several block watch clubs, increased usage of the police non-emergency telephone number, and citizens' use of video doorbell surveillance systems. It is my goal to continue working with our local law enforcement to curb crime in the district and to ensure they have the necessary resources to keep our community safe and vibrant.



Moving Forward

This legislative session has been both exciting and hectic. I have been invigorated about the possibilities for our state's future, and also frustrated by the status quo. However, I am honored to serve my constituents and the state of Wisconsin. Our progressive traditions in this state are worth fighting for.

As we move ahead, I look forward to putting your issues front and center and shining a light on improving the quality of life for all Wisconsinites. I will continue to be a champion for improving education, reforming our health care system, protecting rights, promoting justice, enhancing public safety, and opening up government to all people, not just special interests. I hope you will join with me on this journey, and always feel free to give your input and advice. Together we can secure a bright future for all of Wisconsin.

REP. MYERS' BILLS THAT HAVE BEEN SIGNED INTO LAW

- A License to Teach Based on Reciprocity and Granting Rule-Making Authority (*Wisconsin Act 43/Assembly Bill 195*)
- Teacher Preparatory Programs and Granting Rule-Making Authority (*WI Act 84/ AB 232*)
- Application and Reporting Deadlines for the Statewide Parental Choice Program and Evidence of Accreditation for a Private School Participating in a Parental Choice Program (*WI Act 55/AB 554*)

INITIATIVES

- Manufacturer and Insurer Disclosure of Prescription Drug Costs (*AB 62*)
- Sexual Contact by a Law Enforcement Officer with a Person in His or Her Custody and Providing a Penalty (*AB 171*)
- Using an Electronic Voting Machine to Cast a Vote with an In-person Absentee Ballot and Providing a Penalty (*AB 203*)
- Sales of Dogs and Cats By Pet Stores and Providing a Penalty (*AB 298*)
- Providing Grants for the Purchase of Choking Rescue Devices and Making an Appropriation (*AB 354*)
- Prohibiting Discrimination Based on Hairstyle (*AB 440*)
- Searching for a Biological Sibling Who Has Been Adopted, Granting Rule-Making Authority, and Making an Appropriation (*AB 625*)
- The Wisconsin Adoption and Permanency Support Program and Making an Appropriation (*AB 656*)
- The Requirements for an Achievement Gap Reduction Contract (*AB 739*)
- Unlawfully Summoning a Police Officer, Creating a Civil Cause of Action, and Providing a Penalty (*AB 755*)
- Standards for Care and Shelter of Animals and Providing a Penalty (*AB 760*)
- The Appointment of a Guardian Ad Litem in a Proceeding to Grant Reasonable Visitation Rights to a Nonparent (*AB 777*)
- Proclaiming March 2019 to Be Kidney Month in Wisconsin (*Assembly Joint Resolution 19*)
- Honoring Wisconsin Native Arike Ogunbowale for an Incredible College Women's Basketball Career with the University of Notre Dame (*AJR 49*)
- Recognizing June 2019 as Black Music Month in the State of Wisconsin (*AJR 58*)
- Declaring September 8 to 14, 2019, as Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week in Wisconsin (*AJR 92*)
- Congratulating Madison-Native TeKema Balentine on Her Crowning as Miss Black USA 2019 (*AJR 93*)
- Congratulating Madison-Native Gabriella Deyi on Her Crowning as Miss Wisconsin USA 2020 (*AJR 94*)
- Proclaiming November 2019 as Black Catholic History Month (*AJR 105*)
- Proclaiming February 2020 as Black History Month (*AJR 134*)