

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.

INTERNSHIPS

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

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Serving portions of Milwaukee and Wauwatosa

EMPOWERING THE 12TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT THROUGH RESPONSIBLE AND RESPONSIVE REPRESENTATION

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- 29 school, church, and hospital visits
- 9 listening, coffee, and town hall sessions
- 231 community and policy meetings
- 86 community events and speeches
- 29 media interviews
- 48 newspaper columns
- **384** total community activities

Securing Wisconsin's future

Making state government work for all!



Dear Neighbor,

There is a lot happening in the legislature and it is my pleasure to help you stay in touch with your government. As your representative, I want you to always be aware of what is happening. Please contact my office if you need any assistance. I am here to serve you.

DOING THE WORK

Legislative Proposals **LaKeshia Myers**

Authored	23
Co-Authored	120
Co-Sponsored	124
Bills Enacted into Law	1

Ensuring equity for all through redistricting

Every ten years, Wisconsin draws new legislative district boundaries. District lines determine the distribution of political power for the following decade, and in 2011, the Republican Party took back control of both houses through the method of gerrymandering. Wisconsin, specifically Milwaukee, has a notorious history for drawing lines that minimize the political power of underrepresented communities. Although Milwaukee prides itself on being home to the most diverse communities in the state, the strategic drawing of districts that annex small democratic territories into overwhelming larger scaled republican communities, consequently diminish the value of the blue vote. It is an ongoing mission of mine to support redistricting efforts, from educating constituents at district events and Milwaukee communities through radio talk shows, to bringing redistricting discussions to the assembly floor. If there's anything all citizens share, it is the right to vote, and it is my goal to uphold that right without compromise.

Opportunities in Ag

The future lies in the hands of our future farmers, conservationists, and agronomists. I am working to create more opportunities for Milwaukee high school students to engage in enriching programs that may prepare them for careers in the agriculture industry, in addition to harvesting leadership skills that will benefit their community and its natural resource systems. The introduction of agriculture departments to Milwaukee high schools, in addition to advocacy of the 1890 scholarships that will fully fund education for future farmers, are just a couple stepping stones towards diversifying agriculture in the state of Wisconsin.





PROVIDING THE 12TH'S VOICE

Legislative Committees

- Committee on Agriculture
- Committee on Education
- Committee on Public Benefit Reform
- Committee on Tourism



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COVID-19 in Wisconsin

On March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization officially declared COVID-19 a pandemic. As we venture into 2022, the pandemic is still among us, with new variants of the virus erupting in Wisconsin and continuing to disproportionately affect Milwaukee communities. As of December 12, 2021, Wisconsin had 1.02 million cases and 10,386 COVID-related casualties, in comparison to 166,000 cases and 1,725 COVID related casualties in Milwaukee County.

Moving forward, combatting COVID-19 and reducing health disparities in Milwaukee County is of utmost importance to me. Social distancing, wearing masks, and receiving the vaccination are top priorities in fighting the virus and keeping our communities safe. The pandemic has further emphasized disparities in access to health care and vaccine equity that I also plan to prioritize as your legislator. I am dedicated to working together with Milwaukee and the State of Wisconsin to break down barriers individuals and families continue to face due to such disparities in the height of the pandemic.



Moving Wisconsin Forward

This legislative session, my focus was ensuring the sanctity of our state's future through advocacy. I was able to work across the aisle to advocate for equity in education, civil service, and agricultural opportunities, all of which help Wisconsinites in every corner of our state.

As we continue to move the needle towards progress for each of our citizens, I will continue to serve as your voice in the State Capitol. We are stronger together.

REP. MYERS' BILLS THAT HAVE BEEN SIGNED INTO LAW

- AB127/SB 199 Bill makes it a Class C felony for an officer to have sexual intercourse or commit sexual acts with a person in detention or custody. This is an important piece of legislation as it protects civilians while in the custody of law enforcement. It also holds law enforcement responsible and ensures they engage in proper conduct while on the job. This legislation was introduced in the 2019 legislative session by Senator Taylor and me; we were happy that it finally passed both houses this legislative session.

INITIATIVES

- Waiving the Foundations of Reading test licensure requirement during a national health emergency declared in response to COVID-19 (AB 72)
- Creating the Council for Equity and Inclusion and the Office for Equity and Inclusion and making an appropriation (AB 126)
- Prohibiting no-knock search warrants and limiting the execution of a search warrant to the hours between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. (AB 137)
- Prohibiting discrimination based on traits historically associated with race, including hair texture and protective hairstyles (AB 141)
- Eliminating public official immunity as a defense to civil liability claims against law enforcement officers and prohibiting indemnification for judgments against law enforcement officers (AB 186)
- Required instruction in African American history in the elementary and high school grades and making an appropriation (AB 273)
- Law enforcement training on use-of-force options and making an appropriation (AB 454)
- Law enforcement agency policies on the use of force (AB 457)
- The use of automated speed enforcement systems and traffic control photographic systems in a first class city and providing a penalty (AB 739)
- Prohibiting discrimination based on traits historically associated with race, including hair texture and protective hairstyles (SB 251)
- Proclaiming March 2021 to be Kidney Month in Wisconsin (AJR 29)

SAFE ROADS SAVE LIVES ACT

Since taking office I have been committed to ensuring that the 12th district remains a safe community for all constituents to live, work, and play. As such, I have forged with representative Todd Novak (R-Dodgeville), and Senators LaTonya Johnson (D-Milwaukee) and Kathy Bernier (R-Chippewa Falls), in the third introduction of the Safe Roads Save Lives Act. With the goal of minimizing the endemic of reckless driving and traffic-related casualties in Milwaukee, the legislation would allow for the insertion of up to 75 red light cameras, evenly distributed among the aldermanic districts. The cameras would be used to write citations for persons running red lights or exceeding the speed limit by over 20 miles per hour. While the red light cameras are not an all-encompassing tool to fix reckless driving, the legislation serves as a necessary step toward my ultimate goals of curbing reckless driving and keeping our community safe. As we move forward, I plan to continue working closely with law enforcement and the community to ensure a safe environment for not only constituents of my district, but Milwaukee as a whole.