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One of the most important roles for a legislator is that of committee member.

The first step in a bill becoming law begins with its referral to one of the 42 committees the Wisconsin State Assembly has set up to deal with the different matters addressed in a legislative session. And the most intensive questions, suggestions, debate and resolution on a bill comes while it is before a committee. With the coming legislative session, I wanted to take this opportunity to tell you a little bit about some of the exciting opportunities for legislative action and explain some of my unique responsibilities representing the 46th State Assembly District.

This session I have been selected to serve on four committees. I will be the ranking member on the Housing Committee, as well as serving on the Natural Resources, Small Business, and the Ways and Means Committees. While the role and the issues these committees handle can change, my work on these committees affords me the opportunity to help craft legislation that assists all the citizens of the State of Wisconsin.

Ways and Means: As a member of this committee, I have already been able to help some of our neighbors. I was very pleased last week when legislators from both parties in the Senate and the Assembly came together on a bipartisan approach to solve a Wisconsin Department of Revenue assessment error that resulted in a property tax increase for residents in the Town of Oregon. I coauthored the bill, which makes low-interest loans available for the residents affected. No one should have to pay more than they are supposed to in taxes - this isn't a partisan issue - it's a question of fairness. I am happy to say the proposal was unanimously approved by the committee and the full Legislature is expected to approve the legislation in the near future.

Housing: As ranking member of this committee, I look forward to dealing with the important urban and rural housing issues referred to this committee. The opportunity

to be a party leader on housing issues is exciting and I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to do useful work on this issue area.

Natural Resources: As a member of this committee, I want make every effort toward conservation of the precious land, water and air resources we have in Wisconsin so that everyone has a chance to enjoy them for generations. But as both an avid outdoorsman and small business owner, I know the importance of doing this in a way that treats everyone fairly.

Small Business: As a member of this committee, I will have the opportunity to deal with many of the important issues facing small business owners. Issues such as health care, economic development and workers' rights are some of the areas needing our attention.

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