



STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
**ROBERT BROOKS**



60<sup>TH</sup> ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

February 27, 2015

## A Note from Rep. Brooks

Greetings from Madison on this extraordinary and historically significant week. Since I last communicated with you, the legislature began reviewing Governor Walker's 2015-2017 biennial budget and debating right-to-work, a legislative initiative I strongly support as it creates worker autonomy. As always, please contact my office regarding your concerns or questions. I value the input of every constituent.

Have a great week.



**Introducing Josiah Pledl, School-to-Life Coordinator at Grafton High School and Two of his outstanding students, who visited my office in Madison, this week.**

## This week in Madison

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I am pleased to announce that this week, Attorney General Brad Schimel launched a prescription drug take back program--an initiative that is popular in our district.

Under this initiative, the Wisconsin Department of Justice will now take the lead and coordinate a prescription drug disposal program.

In September 2014, the federal administrative code regarding drug disposal changed and the DEA announced they would no longer be coordinating the drug take back program. The last event conducted by the DEA in Wisconsin was September 2014. This created a need for local law enforcement agencies and citizens to find a means to safely dispose of excessive prescription drugs.

Local law enforcement grew to rely on this program and many now have 24/7 drop boxes for the unused prescription drugs. They continue to offer this service to their communities but require a mechanism to safely, effectively and legally dispose of the drugs they receive, without causing an undue financial burden on their agencies or communities.

The first collection date in 2015 will take place in mid-to-late May and DOJ will continue to do a minimum of two collections per year. At the last statewide collection in September 2014, Wisconsin residents safely disposed of more than seventeen tons of unused prescription medications, making Wisconsin one of the highest participating states in the nation. A fall collection date will follow, most likely in September/October. If a need for more frequent pickups and disposals is needed, the Department of Justice will work with their local partners to accommodate their requests.

I strongly support this program and sent a letter to Attorney General Schimel thanking him for taking the lead on this important initiative. You can view this letter by visiting my website.

My staff and I had a productive meeting with Dr. Rebecca Blank, Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, to discuss the impact that Governor Walker's proposed \$300 million cut to the UW System budget would have on her institution.

Also, this week, I had the opportunity to welcome Josiah Pledl, the School-to-Life Coordinator at Grafton High School and two of his outstanding students, Autumn Roso and Nathan Reske to the State Capitol. It was a pleasure introducing them to the Wisconsin State Assembly and learning about the wonderful work they are doing in the community.



**Meeting with Josiah Pledl, Autumn Roso and Nathan Reske, of Grafton High School.**

## **This week in the 60th District**

I had the privilege of touring Concordia University and UW Washington County. As vice-chairman of the Assembly Committee on Colleges and Universities, I am committed to meeting with leaders of our colleges and universities to discuss the impact Governor Walker's proposed cuts will have on their operating budgets.

Additionally, I toured the Northern Ozaukee School District and met with leaders from other local organizations to discuss issues of importance to them and their perspectives on the 2015-2017 budget.

I am pleased to announce that the State Building Commission, upon my request, approved the construction of a new Gap Filler Tower for Ozaukee County. As former Chairman of the Ozaukee County Board, I am keenly aware of the need to

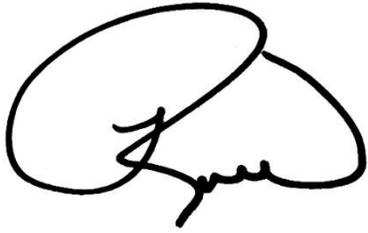
improve the Wisconsin Interoperable System for the Communications Emergency Responder Network. For more on the specifics of this proposal, please visit my website to read the press release.

My office is currently scheduling a series of listening sessions to be held throughout the district. As more information becomes available, I will post the dates, times and locations on social media pages and websites. Furthermore, I will include them in my next e-update.



**It was a pleasure to welcome members of Girl Scout Troop 8207 from Belgium and Cedar Grove to the State Capitol for a tour.**

**Have a great week,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Brooks", enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

As always, if you have any comments or thoughts regarding the subject of this E-update, please feel free to contact me.

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