



STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
**ROBERT BROOKS**

60<sup>TH</sup> ASSEMBLY DISTRICT



**April 16, 2015**

## **A Note from Rep. Brooks**

Since last our last E-update, my staff and I have been working tirelessly to review and amend Governor Scott Walker's 2015-2017 biennial budget. Thank you to everyone who has contacted my office regarding the budget and provided insightful feedback.

The following represent some of the most popular budgetary issues, statewide:

The Department of Natural Resources Board; DATCAP; transportation; IRIS; FamilyCare; SeniorCare; public school funding; funding for the University of Wisconsin System; funding for 911 services; ADRC; countywide property assessments; funding for the Wisconsin court system; restoration of pay progression for the District Attorney system; historic tax credits; and stewardship, to name a few.

In the months ahead, I will continue to review and amend Governor Walker's biennial budget proposal and consult with my colleagues, chiefly Representative John Nygren, Chairman of the Joint Finance Committee, to produce the best possible budget for Wisconsin taxpayers.

Also, my 2015 spring survey is now available on my website: <http://www.reprobertbrooks.com>. This survey allows you to express your positions on salient issues and allow me to better ascertain which issues are of greatest importance to voters in Wisconsin's Sixtieth Assembly District. I look forward to reading your responses.

I appreciate your input and feedback on the budget and very much looking forward to hearing your concerns in the months ahead.

Have a great week.



**Delivering a speech to members from the Wisconsin Council of the Blind and Visually Impaired, regarding the Better Bottom Line Initiative.**

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## **This week in Madison**

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This week, I introduced my first piece of legislation., relating to: limiting the foods that may be purchased under FoodShare. Under this bill, the Department of Health Services must require that not less than sixty-seven percent of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits used by a recipient in a month be used to purchase foods that

comply with the federal WIC guidelines, including: beef, pork, chicken and fish. The purpose of this legislation is simple: to provide nutritional foods to those in need.

In addition to authoring my first piece of legislation, I joined my colleagues, Democrats and Republicans, to ban plastic microbeads from health and beauty products. These tiny microbeads have been known to cause irreparable harm to the Great Lakes and their native fish populations, while not adversely affecting a single business in Wisconsin. As such, I was proud to join my colleagues in protecting our environment and the safety of individuals.

My colleagues and I on both sides of the aisle also supported legislation making Uber and Lyft (popular RideShare services that can be accessed with a smartphone), available statewide. This mobile ride-booking service would have to run background checks on all of their drivers, pass the same basic safety and emissions standards as other personal automobiles, and carry automobile insurance. This legislation was designed to provide additional transportation resources to residents statewide and help reduce the number of drunk drivers on Wisconsin roads.

I had the distinct privilege of meeting and discussing seminal budgetary issues with leading agency executives, chiefly Kitty Rhodes, Wisconsin's Secretary of Health Services and Mark Gottlieb, the Secretary of Transportation. In the months ahead, I very much look forward to participating in budgetary conversations with each of Wisconsin's agency executives.

In addition to agency executives, I have the opportunity to meet with constituents representing the Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters, the Tavern League of Wisconsin, Americans for Prosperity, the American Heart Association, Molina Health and the Wisconsin Council for the Blind and Visually Impaired. It was a pleasure meeting with all of you and I appreciate you taking time out of your busy schedule to discuss issues of importance to your organizations.



**Meeting with representatives from the Wisconsin Council for the Blind and Visually Impaired**



## 60th district constituents who visited my office to discuss conservation issues

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### This week in the 60th District

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Akin to previous weeks, I had the opportunity to converse with innumerable constituents in the district, attend events and provide budget updates to civic groups and local government bodies. Also, I had the privilege of joining United States Representative F. James Sensenbrenner at a series of in-district listening sessions. Thank you to all who attended and for your thoughtful questions.

This week, in this district, I had the opportunity to discuss Governor Walker's proposed fiscal year 2015-2017 biennial budget with members of the Washington County Republican Women's group and Ozaukee County Board of Supervisors. I appreciate all of the feedback and recommendations I received at these events.

Also, I had the opportunity to attend the in-district inauguration ceremony for Senator-elect Duey Stroebel. Senator-elect. Stroebel will be officially sworn in as a Wisconsin State Senator next Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at the Wisconsin State Capitol. I very much look forward to working alongside Senator Stroebel to pass meaningful legislation designed to positively impact members of our community.

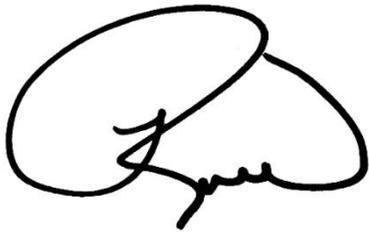


**Participating in an in-district listening session with Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner**



**It was a pleasure to discuss health care issues with Molina Health employees**

**Have a great week,**

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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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