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## Looking Ahead

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With the election now behind us, I am sure that many of you are just as excited as I am to see regular commercials returning to your television sets instead of the barrage of political ads that have been dominating the airwaves the past few months. I would like to thank the people of the 87th Assembly District for giving me the privilege to serve as your state representative for another two years. I remain humbled by the trust you continue to place in me to be your voice in the Wisconsin State Assembly. As I often tell folks, being your state representative is the best job I have ever had.

Looking ahead to the upcoming session, there is no denying that it is going to be a different atmosphere in Madison. The people of Wisconsin have chosen a new governor to lead our state for the next four years and it may seem like we are headed for gridlock at the Capitol. However, based on my experience over my two terms in Madison, I have found that there is a lot more that unites us than divides us. While it may not always seem like it, much of the legislation that was passed this past session did so with bipartisan support. In fact, according to the Legislative Reference Bureau more than 90% of the new laws enacted this past session received bipartisan support. I am also proud of the fact this past session, every bill I introduced received the support of both Republicans and Democrats.

While the political atmosphere in Madison will be different, my job remains the same no matter who is our governor. I will continue to work on the behalf of the people of the 87<sup>th</sup> District and advocate for the priorities of the Northwoods in Madison. While I do expect differences of opinion with Governor-elect Tony Evers and my Democratic colleagues, I still believe that there is a lot of common ground where we can work together and get a lot of good things done for the people of Wisconsin.

With that said, my staff and I are already hard at work preparing for next session. Some of the legislative ideas that we are working on right now came from ideas and suggestions that were shared with me by the people of the 87<sup>th</sup> District. If you have an idea for the upcoming session, do not hesitate to reach out and share it with me. I have found that some of the best ideas for legislation come from constituents just like you.

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