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Rep. Allen Votes to Protect Privacy and Promote Public Safety

Madison – State Representative Scott Allen (R-Waukesha) approved a bill today to protect the privacy of Wisconsin citizens. [Assembly Bill 19](#) would prohibit the use of Global Positioning Systems (GPS) to track someone in their vehicle without their knowledge. Under this bill, a violation would be considered a misdemeanor.

“This is common sense legislation,” said Rep. Allen. “We need to keep our laws current and make sure this technology isn’t giving someone the opportunity to invade a person’s privacy.”

This legislation is one of the first bills to advance from the Assembly Republicans’ Forward Agenda, which was released last October. Several other bills passed Thursday stem from ideas in the agenda.

Rep. Allen also voted for [Assembly Bill 10](#) to promote safer communities by helping victims of domestic abuse have their case heard in court, even if it crosses state lines.

“With the advancement of technology, victims of abuse could still be harassed from an undisclosed location,” said Rep. Allen. “This legislation will help empower victims and hopefully, protect them from additional harm.”

Another piece of legislation advanced that will help fight human trafficking. [Assembly Bill 16](#) would authorize a public awareness campaign to help victims find assistance with a human trafficking hotline. The campaign would be run out the Wisconsin Department of Justice. Since 2007, there have been 662 contacts to the hotline from Wisconsin.

“By passing this legislation today, I feel that we’re making a difference in the lives and the safety of some of the most vulnerable individuals in our state,” said Rep. Allen.

Also supported was [Assembly Bill-11](#). This is a pro-business bill that eliminates outdated mandate of recycled content of newsprint in newspapers.

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