

May 2010 Questionnaire Results



Dear Friend:

Thank you for taking the time to respond to my recent Legislative Questionnaire. Your views, along with over 2300 other responses from our 25th Assembly District, have been compiled. I hope you enjoy reading the results.

As always, your thoughts and views are important to me. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can ever be of any assistance to you. Thanks again for your valuable input.

Sincerely,

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HEALTH & INSURANCE:

- Are you covered by health insurance?
4% No
41% Yes, through my employer
16% Yes, purchased by me or my family
39% Yes, through government programs such as Medicare, Badgercare, etc.
- Do you believe that in the U.S., at some level, health care should be considered a basic right, or an expected service, available to everyone, like being able to attend school or other public/government service?
42% Yes **46%** No 12% Undecided
- Are you satisfied with the quality of health care services available to you at the current cost you're paying?
72% Yes 24% No 4% Undecided
- Currently, due to low government reimbursements for services, there is a shortage of available dental care for the poor. Would you support a proposal to create a two cent tax on each can/bottle of soda to provide funds for this purpose?
37% Yes **56%** No 7% Undecided
- Do you support proposals to add a new extra tax to snack food, soda or other products which contain sugar as a way to discourage childhood obesity?
22% Yes **71%** No 7% Undecided
- The Wisconsin Legislature recently passed a law which requires motorists to purchase auto liability insurance (as is required in most other states). Do you support this new law?
76% Yes 18% No 6% Undecided
- Would you support a proposal which would require that everyone purchase at least a basic level of health insurance if they are not otherwise covered?
36% Yes **47%** No 17% Undecided
- What are your top two key concerns with your current health insurance coverage? (put an X)
3% I do not have health insurance
16% Meeting the deductible
24% Services that are not covered under my insurance plan
26% Prescription drug costs
11% Lack of choice of physicians/hospital network
20% Losing my insurance or coverage if I have a job change/loss

TRAFFIC & PUBLIC SAFETY:

9. Do you support an increase in the gasoline tax which would be set aside and used primarily for highway construction and repair?
19% Yes **74%** No 7% Undecided
10. Currently under state law, .08 blood alcohol content (BAC) is the point at which a driver is considered intoxicated. How do you feel about our current set of penalties and the enforcement of laws relating to drunken driving?
10% Too harsh 41% About right
44% Too lenient 5% Undecided
11. Do you support proposals which would increase the tax on beer (from \$2 a barrel to \$10 a barrel, i.e. 2 ½ cents per bottle) to fund alcohol abuse prevention programs, drunken driving prosecution and increased enforcement?
32% Yes **63%** No 5% Undecided
12. Do you support proposals which would increase the tax on liquor (not beer or wine) by 50 cents a liter to fund increased drunken driving enforcement and prosecution efforts?
33% Yes **62%** No 5% Undecided
13. Do you support proposals which would require older drivers (70 years of age & over) to be tested for vision and physical driving ability more frequently than once every eight years as is required of all other drivers in Wisconsin?
61% Yes 30% No 9% Undecided
14. Regarding the use of cell phones while driving (vehicle is moving) which alternative do you favor?
- | DRIVERS LESS THAN 18 | DRIVERS ALL AGES | |
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| 3% | 6% | a. Current law, all cell phone use while driving is allowed. |
| 7% | 16% | b. All cell phone use while driving, except texting. |
| 12% | 29% | c. Talking while driving only "hands free," without holding the phone. |
| 78% | 49% | d. No phone use at all while driving. |
15. Do you support a proposal that would allow people to obtain a permit to carry a concealed firearm if they have passed a specified training program, paid a fee, and have no history of crime or mental illness?
56% Yes 34% No 10% Undecided
16. Do you support a proposal which would mandate that all gasoline contain a minimum percentage of ethanol?
14% Yes **66%** No 20% Undecided

17. Do you support proposals which would change state law in order to make it impossible to divert gas tax revenues for uses other than basic transportation needs as originally intended? I.e. mass transit, highway construction, maintenance, and repair.
77% Yes 15% No 8% Undecided

GENERAL:

18. Currently local governments around Wisconsin are feeling the pinch of decreased revenues and inflexible expenses, and are facing the prospects of major cuts and/or increases in property taxes. Which general course of action would you support?
78% Cut back on staff and expenses as much as necessary so as to not increase taxes.
14% Cut back services somewhat while also increasing taxes.
6% Continue the status quo level of services, using a combination of increasing taxes and borrowing as necessary.
2% Undecided
19. Would you support restrictions on so called "payday lenders" (high interest short term lending) by capping interest rates they can charge on short term or "payday loans" (currently proposed to be capped at 36% APR)?
78% Yes 12% No 10% Undecided
20. Please rank 1 – 5, with 1 being the best, who you think is doing the best job this season?
2% Ted Thompson
2% Mike McCarthy
4% Dom Capers
38% Aaron Rodgers
54% Brett Favre
21. Current law prohibits felons under state supervision, including those on probation and parole, to vote in our elections. However once they have served their entire sentence, their voting rights are restored. Would you support a proposal that would allow released felons, who are still on probation/parole, to vote?
24% Yes **67%** No 9% Undecided
22. Do you support current state law which prohibits public schools from beginning the school year prior to September 1st in order to help provide the tourism industry in our state with sufficient employees for their entire season and to provide additional late summer opportunities for family vacations?
56% Yes 32% No 12% Undecided

23. In an effort to control so called "puppy mills", do you support more careful regulating and licensing of dog breeders, those who sell more than 25 dogs a year, whereby breeders must show that they provide adequate food, water, veterinary care and shelter?
85% Yes 9% No 6% Undecided
24. Do you feel that the State of Wisconsin is generally "headed in the right direction"?
15% Yes **67%** No 18% Undecided
26. Current Wisconsin law prohibits consideration of the construction of new nuclear power plants. Would you favor proposals to change the law to allow the consideration of nuclear power along with other energy alternatives when planning for new sources of electric power?
83% Yes 9% No 8% Undecided
26. Which of the following statements most closely reflects your opinion about abortion and the law?
12% Abortion should remain legal without restriction.
16% Abortion should be legal except for partial birth abortion in the third trimester when the mother's life is not in danger.
35% Abortion should be illegal except for rape, incest, or if the mother's life is in danger.
20% Abortion should be illegal except if the mother's life is in danger.
17% Abortion should be illegal without exception.
27. Which THREE of the following issues are of the greatest importance to you?
Rank top 1, 2, 3
27% Property taxes
5% Business taxes
13% Income taxes
6% Crime and public safety
14% Access to/cost of health care
2% Environment
12% Job prospects
1% Global warming
4% Education
13% Local economic conditions
1% Foreign trade
2% Dangers of drunken driving
28. Compared to 5 years ago, do you feel your ability to maintain or find a job in your field is:
3% Better than before
68% Worse than before
29% About the same