



### **Chris Danou's Capitol Report**

#### Hearing from You is Important for the Legislative Process

The summer is a great time for me to be out in the community and talking to people. Hearing from you makes me be a better voice for our community when working on legislative issues. As I've been out talking to folks, it's clear to me that people want to see legislators work together on things that truly matter.

Most people, whether they identify as a Democrat or Republican, wish to see and hope for the same things. They want to make sure that they have a decent paying job so they can live in a good community and support their family. They want their children to receive a top-notch education, enjoy unique community and recreational opportunities, and spend quality time with friends, family and neighbors. These are Wisconsin values that should never be forgotten when writing laws and crafting responsible policy.

Lots of time and energy go into writing a quality bill. During my time in the legislature, I've learned that a lot of the time, an issue seems basic and the solution is very simple. However, sometimes the issue is really only the tip of the ice berg and writing clear language that appropriately solves the issue is like peeling an onion. While each step requires sufficient time, one of the most important parts of the process is meeting with interested parties to discuss all the pieces of an issue. These meetings provide an opportunity for discussion so all the goals and objectives can be met before the bill is drafted. This way everyone is on the same page, the language is concise and the intent is clear upon introduction.

In order to introduce a quality piece of legislation, I need to hear what's important to you and the change you'd like to see at the state level. Indeed, hearing from you helps me be an effective legislator. Not only do I appreciate it when you call, email or write, but I especially look forward to meeting with you. Over the past few months, I have had constituents from each county I represent contact me with an idea they have regarding potential legislation, and I have made it a priority to meet with everyone to discuss their issue.

Please don't hesitate to contact my office at any time to share your thoughts, ideas or concerns. I firmly believe that in order to be productive and create quality legislation, we must discuss the issues, and work together in order to move our community and state forward.