



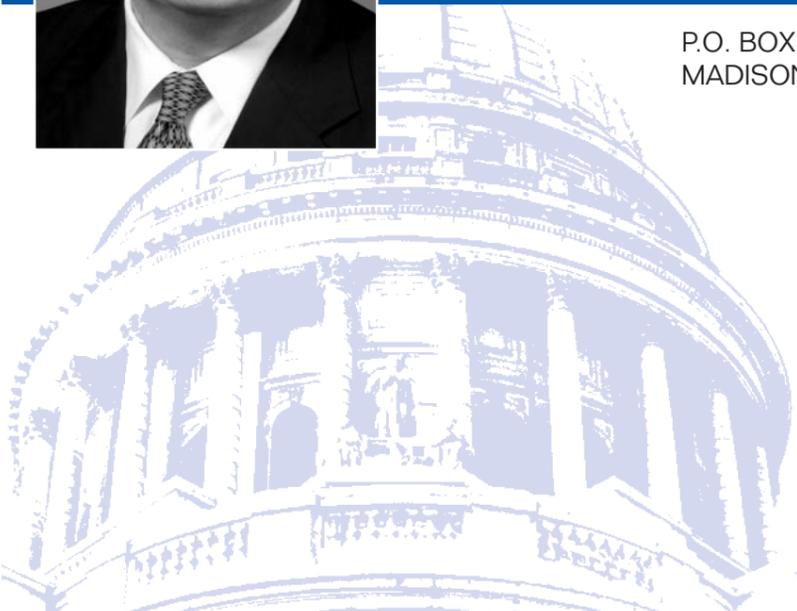
STATE REPRESENTATIVE CORY MASON

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Cory Mason, 62nd Assembly District
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Madison, WI 53708**

Come visit me in the Capitol! My office is on the ground floor, Room 6 North.

(Left) The most important part of my job is responding to constituent concerns

REP. MASON CAPITOL REPORT SPRING 2012



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

Thank you for the opportunity to continue to represent you in the Wisconsin state Assembly. It is an honor and privilege to serve as your voice in the state Legislature.

Every single day I focus on standing up for our community's working families during these hard times.

This newsletter provides an update of some of the work I have been doing in our community and in the Capitol. You will also find a survey which I hope you will take the time to complete and mail back to me. Your input is incredibly important to me. I also invite you to contact me to share your questions, comments, and concerns.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your state Representative.

Sincerely

CORY MASON
State Representative
62nd Assembly District



My wife Rebecca and I were blessed to add another member to our family recently. Our third child and first son, Cory Mason V, was born on December 20, 2011. He joins his older sisters Eleanor Roosevelt Mason and Amelia Earhart Mason. We feel tremendously fortunate to have a healthy and happy family. When you see us out and about around Racine, please come up to say hello and meet our family!

STATE REPRESENTATIVE CORY MASON

Fighting for Jobs

I introduced the Wisconsin Jobs Initiative (Assembly Bill 343) to ensure that Wisconsin's employers have the skilled workers they need. My bill would provide jobs skills training and education to at least 35,000 Wisconsin workers. A significant investment in our state's workers is long overdue and I was proud to introduce this legislation to stand by the workers and companies who have built Wisconsin's economy and help them grow in the future.



Fighting for Health Care for Children



Late in 2011, Governor Walker unveiled his plan to fill a budget hole in the state's BadgerCare health care program. I was extremely disappointed in his plan which would cause more than 64,000 Wisconsin residents, including 29,000 children, to lose access to BadgerCare. When this plan came before me on the Joint Committee on Finance, I spoke out strongly against it and voted against it. This is not in line with the Wisconsin values that I know and cherish. I will continue to fight to ensure that all Wisconsin residents have access to affordable health care.

At a Joint Committee on Finance hearing, I questioned the Department of Health Services and the Legislative Fiscal Bureau about the Walker plan that would cut 29,000 Wisconsin children off health care.

Connecting with Constituents

I recently had the privilege of touring Careers Industries' new headquarters at 4901 Washington Avenue in Racine. There I met with their staff and clients. Careers Industries provides job training and employment for people with disabilities. I always enjoy the opportunity to tour Racine's amazing nonprofit organizations and to meet the hardworking staff and enthusiastic participants who contribute so much to our community.



I am always delighted to meet with constituents in my Capitol office. I greatly enjoyed my visit with Gateway Technical College students and staff, whose stories reinforced my strong support for Wisconsin's Technical College System.

Visit My **Legislative Website!**



I keep my legislative website updated so you can find information about my positions on the issues, the bills I'm working on, legislative updates, and local events of interest. Please visit <http://mason.assembly.wi.gov>

If your organization is hosting events in the Racine-area that you'd like me to highlight on my website, please email the information to me at Rep.Mason@legis.wi.gov. I love to help promote all of the great events happening in our community.

REPRESENTATIVE CORY MASON 2012 LEGISLATIVE QUESTIONNAIRE

Your opinion is important to me!

Please take a moment to fill out this survey and share your views with me. Return your completed survey to me by mailing it to:

State Rep. Cory Mason
State Capitol, PO Box 8953
Madison, WI 53708

Thank you!

1. Wisconsin is facing many important issues right now. Please check the issue below that you feel is the most important issue facing our state right now.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Jobs | <input type="checkbox"/> K-12 Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economy | <input type="checkbox"/> Post-Secondary Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Workers' Rights | <input type="checkbox"/> Crime |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Taxes | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

2. Do you support Governor Walker's decision to cut nearly \$300 million from the UW System?
 Yes No

3. Do you support Governor Walker's decision to cut more than \$72 million for job training from Wisconsin's Technical College System?
 Yes No

4. Do you support Governor Walker's decision to cut more than \$1.6 billion from our public schools statewide?
 Yes No

5. Do you support Governor Walker's decision to provide more than \$2.3 billion in tax breaks to wealthy individuals, special interests, and corporations?
 Yes No

6. Do you support Governor Walker's decision to increase taxes on working families and seniors by over \$50 million by changing the Earned Income Tax Credit and Homestead Tax Credit?
 Yes No

7. A bill has been proposed to restore collecting bargaining rights to public employees, the rights that have allowed Wisconsin's workers to negotiate with their employers over wages, benefits, and workplace safety conditions. Do you support this bill?
 Yes No

8. Do you support Governor Walker's plan that will cause 29,000 Wisconsin children to lose their access to BadgerCare health care coverage?
 Yes No

9. Do you support the Republicans' decision to repeal the Equal Pay Enforcement Act, which ensured that women cannot get paid less than men for doing the same work?
 Yes No

10. Please rate the job performance of the following elected officials.

	Excellent	Good	No Opinion	Poor	Bad
State Representative Cory Mason	<input type="checkbox"/>				
State Senator Van Wanggaard	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Governor Scott Walker	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Congressman Paul Ryan	<input type="checkbox"/>				
President Barack Obama	<input type="checkbox"/>				

Please provide your full name, home address & email address:

Redeveloping the Root River

I am energized by all of the possibilities for creating jobs and enhancing the natural resources along the Root River urban corridor. I have been excited to be part of efforts to plan the future of our Root River, such as the public meeting and discussion I helped plan and present at recently. The Root River Corridor Redevelopment Project is an innovative effort to bring city leaders, business owners, and community residents together to share ideas about this central piece of our community. I will continue to work creatively and collaboratively to redevelop this vital part of our city. Learn more by visiting www.rootrivercouncil.org.



I love the opportunity to see Racine from the Root River, and I paddle as often as possible. I am a proud supporter of the Root River Environmental Education Community Center which offers members of our community great opportunities to connect to natural resources.

Standing Up For Working Families



Speaking out on the Assembly floor against Governor Walker's divisive bill that stripped away the union rights of Wisconsin's public employees.

These are challenging and unprecedented times in the Wisconsin State Capitol. Though our state has seen tremendous division and upheaval in recent months, I have been heartened again and again by the peaceful and respectful engagement of so many of Wisconsin's citizens. It is a powerful testament to Wisconsin's proud tradition of citizen involvement that so many of you have taken the time to contact me to express your views about the important issues facing our state.

No matter what is ahead, please know that I will always be on your side, standing up for middle class families and those in need.



Record numbers of constituents visited the State Capitol in recent months to oppose the Walker agenda. When Walker's Administration locked the Capitol to the public, firefighters from Racine's Local 321 helped me carry my desk out my office window so I could meet with my constituents outside in the cold.

Standing Up for Racine's Homeowners



Helping Foreclosure Victims

I introduced the Foreclosure Aid, Integrity, and Relief (FAIR) Act (Assembly Bill 672) to ensure that federal foreclosure settlement funds are used as they were intended, to help Wisconsin homeowners hit hard by the foreclosure crisis. The FAIR Act would reverse Governor Walker's decision to take more than \$25 million in national foreclosure settlement funds away from struggling Wisconsin homeowners. The middle class families in Wisconsin who are dealing with the foreclosure crisis have already been ripped off once by Wall Street. I could not stand by and let them be ripped off again. The FAIR Act will appropriate funds for direct assistance to programs which will aid families, homeowners, and foreclosure victims while also providing assistance to tenants and veterans who are either facing foreclosure or confronting homelessness.

Condo Owners' Bill of Rights

“Representative Mason listens closely to homeowners in our community and fights for us. He worked hard to offer legislation that would protect homeowners from developers and builders who have left me and my neighbors paying the price for shoddy construction, unfinished work, and building defects. His bill, the ‘Condominium Owners’ Bill of Rights’ (Assembly Bill 422), offers protections that condo owners have gone without for far too long. Representative Mason’s bill will prevent a lot of heartache and financial stress for so many in our community.”

– Joe Lourigan, President of the Villas of Racine Condominium Association