

### COMMUNITY ALERT

#### Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation Orientation:

March 15, 2012

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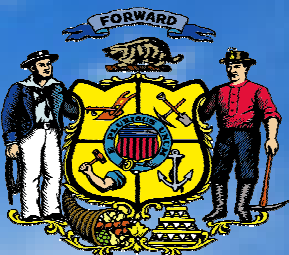
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about business and  
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Dear Friend,

Thank you for reading the  
legislative update. I hope you  
find the information provided  
here useful.

As Always I'm  
Here to Serve!



## Compromise Still Possible on Wisconsin Mining



A Republican-authored mining bill passed by the Joint Finance Committee on Monday, but has since been defeated. The bill would have cleared the way for a \$1.5 billion open-pit iron mine in Iron and Ashland counties. Unfortunately, the also bill pandered to mining industry's worst passions, rolling back environmental protections, silencing public dissent, and eliminating accountability. It sought to codify standards for iron mining and for the reclamation of iron mining sites in the statutes, rather than allowing flexible rule-making by any agency. The standards in the bill are similar in many respects to Department of Natural Resource's current rules, but with far less exacting environmental protections.

Worse, the bill had zero guarantees of jobs for Wisconsin workers. It had no requirements that the majority of jobs be filled by Wisconsin citizens, no protections for organized labor, and no funding for training of unemployed workers in technical schools.

This was an outrageous move considering the Senate Mining Committee exists to carefully consider Wisconsin residents' opinions and concerns about mining, and to serve the entirety of the state, rather than merely a privileged interest group.

Thankfully, Republican Senator Schultz stood strong with the Democratic Senators in not supporting a mining bill without through without environmental safeguards. He is now co-sponsoring a responsible compromise bill, which I support. Those legislators supporting the compromise want to ensure that any mine created would ultimately create a net good on the well-being of our great state's citizens. We need not abandon our responsibilities to the health of our environment in order to bolster any industry. The Schultz-Jauch compromise bill will help to ensure that we achieve a balance between the two.

## Recall Effort Moves Forward



Governor Walker only will be the third governor in U.S. history, and the first from Wisconsin, to face a recall election. In response to Walker's infamous attack on public workers' union rights, nearly one million signatures have been collected against Walker, while 845,000 names have been collected supporting the recall of Lieutenant Governor Rebecca Kleefisch.

Gov. Scott Walker and Lt. Gov. Rebecca Kleefisch have announced that they will not challenge the signatures collected for their recall. Both claim that their respective staffs will simply not have enough time to verify each signature individually. Walker's campaign spokeswoman Ciara Matthews said the office was only able to look through 400,000 signatures. According to Ms. Matthews, 10 percent to 20 percent of the signatures listed fake addresses and names.

The Government Accountability Board, which oversees Wisconsin elections, needs to verify only 540,208 valid signatures, the minimum number needed to trigger an election. The board has until March 19 to complete its review and could strike fake or incomplete signatures. The board spokesman said it seems likely a recall election could take place as early as May.



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**MAM after Dark:**

March 16,  
Milwaukee Art Museum

Open to the Public,  
Exclusive exhibition  
access, live music,  
special one night  
exhibit.

5 PM to Midnight

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***Birth Control IS a Health Issue***

In the past weeks, President Obama's mandate for birth control has aroused a great deal of controversy, and I would like to take a moment to address this important issue. The President's mandate rules that religious-affiliated institutions such as hospitals and universities should include free birth control coverage in their employee health plans.

A disturbingly narrow vote last Thursday killed a Republican measure that would have allowed employers and insurers to opt out of portions of the president's health care law they found "morally objectionable."

Republicans oppose the President's position and argue the government is overreaching. However, I would point out that 99 percent of sexually active women have used some form of birth control. That staggering number illustrates the Republican Party's profoundly clueless and out-of-touch national position on a debate most women had thought settled a half-century ago. Frankly, a majority of Americans support the use of contraceptives, and a CBS News poll just showed 61 percent of Americans favor the President's support of contraceptive coverage.

Obama's insurance plan aims to make all essential medical insurance more affordable for every man and woman. Of course, most legislators opposing Obama's contraceptive plan happen to be men. More importantly, they happen to be at odds with most of their fellow Americans.

***Help Celebrate The Girl Scouts***

This year's Girl Scout Week honors the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Girl Scouting in the United States. The first Girl Scout troop was founded in Georgia on March 12, 1912.

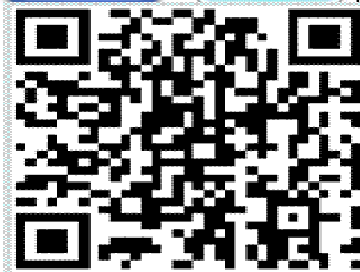
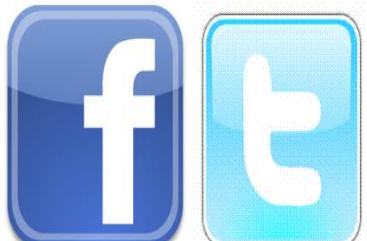
More than 3 million Girl Scout members nationwide will be celebrating 100 years of this American tradition. Today, nearly 50 million women worldwide are former Girl Scouts. They are all living proof of the impact of this amazing movement.

The Girl Scout has inspired millions of girls and women with the highest ideals of courage, confidence and character. Through the Girl Scout leadership experience girls develop life-long skills and lessons so that they may contribute to their communities. Girl scouting also takes an active role in increasing girls' awareness of the opportunities available to them today in math, science, sports, technology and other fields that can expand their horizons.

It is important to recognize the impact Girl Scouts have had and the way they encourage sisterhood. I applaud the Girl Scouts for their all their hard work building a community for young girls that they each can carry with them their whole life. Whenever possible, I encourage you to thank and appreciate the Girl Scouts leaders and members in our communities.

**Contact Us! We Always Enjoy Hearing From You!**

"My purpose... to go on with my heart and soul, devoting all my energies to Girl Scouts, and heart and hand with them, we will make our lives and the lives of the future girls happy, healthy and holy" — Juliette G. Low



"We have all known the long loneliness, and we have found that the answer is community."

— Dorothy Day