



COMMUNITY ALERT

Africa Fest 2012

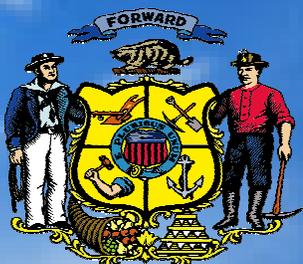
In the spirit of building future foundations and fostering community, I encourage you to attend this festival. There will be poetry, storytelling, games, food vendors and exhibits about Africa.

August 18, 10 to 8
Warner Park

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!



We Need Job Training NOW!

Governor Walker's Department of Workforce Development just released new jobs numbers. Although the Governor is attempting to spin the numbers positively, here are the facts. The state gained 28,100 jobs between March 2011 and March 2012. That is certainly better than a job loss. However, this limited growth places Wisconsin almost dead last in terms of job creation nationwide.



Moreover, you may remember that Governor Walker promised to bring 250,000 jobs to Wisconsin by the end of his first term. Almost halfway done, Governor Walker has fallen short. Governor Walker's billionaires-first public policy has only succeeded in slowing job growth for the middle class by concentrating wealth in the hands of a few and taking away working people's rights. These are the not solutions we need. I join with Assembly Minority leader Peter Barca in calling for a bipartisan special session on jobs and job creation. The legislature should go to work immediately for the people of Wisconsin. We can build a Wisconsin economy that works for everyone, and Wisconsin cannot afford to wait another day.

RISE Program Supports Students



The Milwaukee Regional Internship in Science and Engineering (RISE) initiative is a career and personal development program designed by Prism Technical Institute. I was lucky enough to attend the RISE End of Year Celebration earlier this week. The RISE program joins education and job experience to prepare minority and underprivileged students for

professional success in the Greater Milwaukee Community. Select students are placed in paid summer internship with engineering firms, project consultants, and contractors affiliated with the District. The students I spoke to show great promise and have worked extraordinarily hard. Their internships are another stepping stone on the road to great careers serving their nation and their communities. These are true American success stories in the making! To obtain a RISE application, please call 414-847-0992.



Before Digging, Call 811

Every day, underground utility line strikes impact communities, neighborhoods and lives. Remember, it's essential that you call 811 two to three days before either you or a business dig on your property. Remember, safety is always the first priority!

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Ryan Isn't Right for Veep

Last week, presumptive Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney selected Janesville's Paul Ryan as vice presidential running mate. I would urge by constituents not to be fooled by Ryan's Wisconsin roots; he has no interest in fighting for your interests. Ryan's proposed House budget would make the deepest spending cuts to pay for tax cuts for the wealthiest two percent. Under Ryan's plan, your money would rush to the top, and everyday people would be in danger of losing their jobs. Working and middle class people would see their taxes go up, while future seniors would have to contend with radical cuts to Medicare. Paul Ryan is not the man we want second-in-line from the Oval Office.



Education and Corrections to Meet

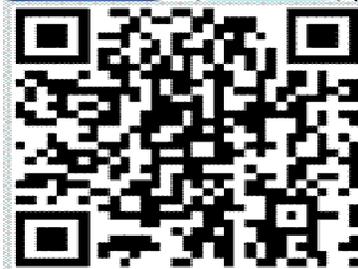
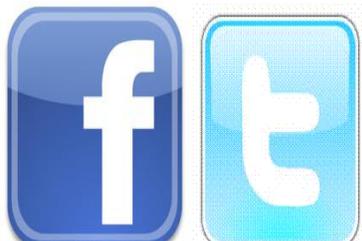


In a recent statement, my colleague Senator John Lehman (D-Racine) called for a meeting of his Education and Corrections Committee. At a time when the corrections budget has surpassed UW-System contributions for the first time in history, I cannot agree more with his decision. It is time for a serious discussion on Wisconsin's values. The massive cuts to education imposed by the Republican party need to face a reality check. \$1.6 billion in cuts to education isn't responsibility, it is insanity.

Contact Us! We Always Enjoy Hearing From You!

"I made the most of my ability, and I did my best with my title."

*-Joe
Louis*



"A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives."

*-Jackie
Robinson*