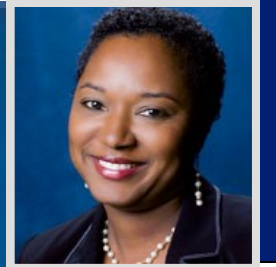


# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

STATE SENATOR LENA C. TAYLOR



## COMMUNITY ALERT

*1st Annual  
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Basketball Game!*

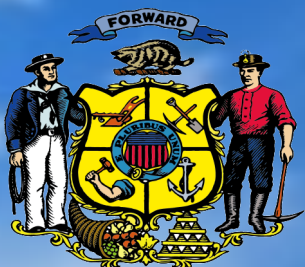
*All Proceeds Benefit  
Cancer!*

*Saturday, October 26  
2pm-5pm  
@ The King Center  
1531 W. Vliet St.*

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!



## MINING BILL WOULD STRIP LOCAL CONTROL

A public committee hearing was held on October 24th, 2013, pertaining to the controversial new sand-mining bill being circulated around the state legislature. The contentious issues surrounding the proposed bill arise where the bill would strip power of regulation from local municipalities, placing the power in the hands of law-makers in the state legislature. As my colleague Kathleen Vinehout noted, the bill will prevent local municipalities from being able to exercise direct control over and protect their air or water. Any attempts by local communities to inhibit pollution through regulation would be prohibited by state law if this bill is enacted.

## OVERCOMING OBAMACARE ROLLOUT ISSUES

While the system was not thoroughly tested leading up to the October 1<sup>st</sup> launch, the Obama Administration is actively working to address the technical problems associated with the online health insurance exchange. On Thursday, Medicaid reports indicated that 700,000 online applications had been submitted, showing a large increase in the number of people who have been able to start the process in recent days. As the Government continues to improve the system, we must ignore the GOP's attempts to criticize and sabotage a program designed to help millions of uninsured Americans obtain affordable health coverage. To learn more about the ACA or to apply for coverage, visit <https://www.healthcare.gov>. You may also call 1-800-318-2596, mail in a paper application, or apply in person.



*Help a Child in Need!*

**Coats for Kids Campaign**

Volunteers are need to sort and hang donated coats October 22nd, 24th, 25th and 28th!

Sign up to help the Salvation Army distribute these coats October 30th-November 2nd.

Register as a volunteer at [www.samilwaukee.org](http://www.samilwaukee.org)

Or contact the volunteer department at 414-302-4300

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***SUCCESSFUL LEGISLATIVE EXCHANGE***

I have had very productive meetings during my exchange in Tbilisi, Georgia. Collaborations with Georgia around the law with the minister of Justice -Tea Tsulukiani, will be rewarding for both Wisconsin and Georgia. The reform work of the Parliament with their public service halls -amazing! We must examine the model so we can more efficiently serve our citizens. These halls are a one stop shop for citizens and businesses, serving 10,000 people a day- with options of 300 services in one space with banks as anchors (renters)! The Just-cafe and Justdrive are so innovative - I couldn't believe it - service while you eat or in the drive thru, and in minutes!

***MILWAUKEE COUNTRY CHRISTMAS TREE***

Residents of Milwaukee County are to be the final judges in determining the County's Christmas Tree for this year. Residents are encouraged to email a picture and a short description of their tree to [countyexec@milwcnty.com](mailto:countyexec@milwcnty.com) by November 1st. Ideally, the tree should be nearly symmetrical and have a height of around 20 ft. After three finalists have been chosen, a vote for Milwaukee County residents to choose the final tree will be held on County Executive Chris Abele's Facebook page.

***Wise Words of the Week!***

**Contact Us!**

**We Enjoy Hearing From You!**

"If there is anything that a man can do well, I say let him do it. Give him a chance"

*- Abraham Lincoln*



"Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible"

*- Dalai Lama*

