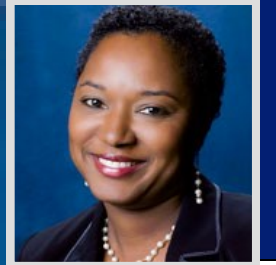


LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

STATE SENATOR LENA C. TAYLOR



COMMUNITY ALERT

Join Senator Lena Taylor and Congresswoman Gwen Moore at a

RALLY AND PUBLIC FORUM on the STATE BUDGET

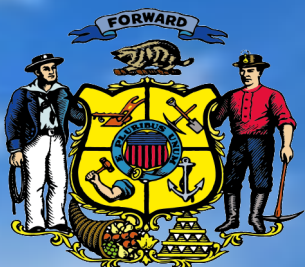
Discuss what's at stake for Wisconsin's children, seniors and families.

Monday, December 9th
10:00 a.m.
Firefighters Hall
7717 W. Good Hope Rd.

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!



REPUBLICANS CONTINUE ATTACK ON HEALTHCARE

Republicans' partisan interests continue to prevent Wisconsin's citizens from accessing quality, affordable healthcare. Wisconsin's Democratic leaders know that if we expand BadgerCare by utilizing federal resources, we can cover 85,000 more people, save \$86 million, and create 10,000 state jobs in this biennium alone. Despite this sensible plan, irrational opinions of the Republican Party, which reject federal funding entirely, prevailed during the Assembly's special session on December 4th. Governor Walker caused the Wisconsin health care crisis when he rejected federal healthcare funding and refused to create a Wisconsin online exchange; two options that would undeniably save taxpayers money, cover more people, create more jobs, and prevent thousands from BadgerCare termination. As time progresses, it becomes increasingly clear that the Republican Party within Wisconsin is choosing to accept the consequences of their irresponsible policies simply out of spite for President Obama's health care initiatives. Though there has understandably been controversy over initial problems with ObamaCare's online marketplace, recent numbers show the website is working much better and enrollment has risen dramatically. In November, around 100,000 Americans signed up for ObamaCare via the online marketplace, a significant increase from the 26,000 who enrolled in October. I will not let the Republicans' efforts to destroy BadgerCare go unchallenged. I plan to voice my opposition to the Republican Party's attack on healthcare when the Senate is in session on December 19th, as I in no way support the immense burden that the Republican Party is forcing onto the people of Wisconsin.



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REMEMBERING NELSON MANDELA

This week, we join the world in mourning the passing of Nelson Mandela, one of the most visionary leaders of our time. We watched as Mandela sought to end the evils of apartheid, was held captive at Robben Island, and became the first black president of a democratic South Africa. Mandela's courage and willingness to sacrifice his own freedom for the freedom of others was an inspiration to us all. As Mandela takes his place in history, we grieve with the people of South Africa and draw strength from his memory. In celebrating the life of this incomparable man, we recommit ourselves to carrying his legacy forward by pursuing peace, equality, and freedom in building the world of tomorrow.

SENATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Senate Scholarship Program is a week long program that allows high school juniors and seniors to get an inside look at their state legislature. Scholars will stay in Madison for a week of exciting scheduled programming, which includes attending committee hearings, participating in mock legislative activities, and getting a taste of the local culture in Madison! For more information on the Senate Scholarship Program, visit <http://legis.wisconsin.gov/senate/scc/ssp/senatescholar.asp>.

Wise Words of the Week!

Contact Us!

**We Enjoy
Hearing
From You!**

"Do not judge me by my successes, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again."

—Nelson Mandela



"I believe we are here on the planet Earth to live, grow up, and do what we can to make this world a better place for all people to enjoy freedom."

—Rosa Parks

