



COMMUNITY ALERT

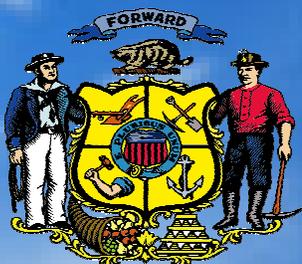
2nd Annual MKE Business NOW Entrepreneurship Summit.

Sat, Jan 26, 2013
BEAM School
3620 N. 18th St
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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!



State of the State Address Given

Tuesday night, Governor Walker gave his third State of the State address. The speech was high on showmanship with some good theatrics but lacked details that I hoped the Governor would provide about his priorities. Here is what we know: the GOP and the Governor will make mining the first jobs bill; an income tax cut is planned without an explanation for how to pay for it; expansion of choice and charter schools in Wisconsin is likely; and, investments in infrastructure, namely roads exclude sewers and other items.



Mining Bill Again, Nearly Same Bill

This week, the GOP released their bill to reform Wisconsin's mining laws. Democrats have promised to release another version within the week. If done right, new mining laws can spur economic development and job creation throughout the state. If done wrong, mining companies will be subject to endless litigation and the certainty Wisconsin hopes to offer miners will disappear. The right way to structure a mining bill includes insurances that the available jobs are filled by Wisconsinites and that Wisconsinites are trained to do those jobs. Also, in this debate we cannot forget our most precious resource, water; it must be protected.



Mining is engrained in Wisconsin's history and it can be part of our future as well as long as we as Legislatures commit ourselves to creating mining reforms that work for Wisconsin, not just



**WI Tobacco
Prevention &
Poverty Network**

Kick-off Meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 5th
11:30am—1pm
Lovell Johnson
Quality of Life Center
1530 W Atkinson Ave
Milwaukee WI

*Reducing the tobacco
burden in our community*

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Senate Rules Limit Public Access

The new Senate Rules adopted this week, now provide penalties for citizens that are removed from the gallery. Citizens can be banned from the Senate for the entire session for nothing more than using their iPad. Even I use an iPad on the floor; the hypocrisy is terrible. I voted against these new rules.



Visits Milwaukee Math & Science Academy

I had the pleasure of visiting the 5th & 6th grade students at Milwaukee Math & Science Academy recently to talk about my job as a State Senator. I always encourage young children to keep reading and stay in school! I was interviewed by the student ambassadors; watch it here:
http://www.mmsacademy.org/?page_id=384



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“Service is the rent that you pay for room on this earth. “

Shirley Chisholm



“Service is the key to everything in life.”

Russell Simmons