



COMMUNITY ALERT

The Alzheimer's Association presents:

Treasure

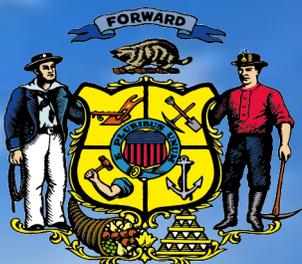
... a French soiree and art party themed fundraiser

Tuesday, June 4th
Cuvée Champagne Bar
For tickets, contact Kendra:
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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!



Over-Criminalization Task Force

Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI) is co-leading a bipartisan Over-Criminalization Task Force designed to help revise criminal codes federally with a focus on over-criminalization of minor offenses. In Wisconsin, several reports have demonstrated our unacceptably high incarceration rates. Not only does Wisconsin have 2.5 times the number of prisoners as our neighbor, Minnesota, a recent report listed Wisconsin as having the highest incarceration rate of African American males by nearly 3%. I think we need to follow in the footsteps of Congressman Sensenbrenner and the US House of Representatives and began seriously examining this issue right here in Wisconsin.



WEDC Rewarded Despite Issues

After losing track of nearly \$50 million in grants and an audit that highlighted a blatant mismanagement of tax payer dollars, WEDC received \$63 million in funding from the State budget over the next two years. Fortunately, the Joint Finance Committee made any funding in the second year (2014) conditional to approval after a report submitted by WEDC. The report must demonstrate compliance with the Legislative Audit Bureau's recommendations and testimony by WEDC's CEO. The Joint Finance Committee also mandates adherence to state ethics laws from WEDC employees and for employees to disclose economic interests. Although these measures are a start in the right direction, the seriousness of WEDC's failures and mismanagement have earned them serious reprimands. We need to ensure that they are complying with state laws and handling tax payer money appropriately.





Celebrating 20 years of serving the community!

**Purple Stride
Milwaukee 2013**

Raise awareness for Pancreatic cancer while running a 5k and enjoying food, music, and activities

**Saturday, Jun 1
11:00pm—2:00pm
Miller Park
Milwaukee, WI**

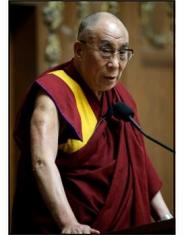
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The Dalai Lama Visits Madison

As part of his visit to Wisconsin, His Holiness, the Dalai Lama spoke to the State Legislature on Tuesday, March 14th. My colleagues and I had the honor of hearing him speak and gaining from his wisdom. During his speech he praised the democratic system that governs our nation and our state. Yet, he also reminded us of the need for compassion and care for others. As legislatures whose decisions impact the lives of citizens throughout the state, we must always remember to be compassionate.



Senate Session

The Senate reconvened on Tuesday to consider several important pieces of legislation. Two bills that I authored passed through the Senate: AB 85 which made modifications to the Milwaukee County Board and AB 166 which provided tax exemptions on military income for members of the US armed forces who died in combat zone. I also co-sponsored Senate Joint Resolution 31 which made May 2013 Drug Court Awareness Month which passed through the senate on Tuesday.



Wise Words of the Week!

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

“From the individual comes a peaceful family and peaceful society. Building a peaceful society is all of our responsibility”

-His Holiness, the Dalai Lama

“America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves”

- Abraham Lincoln

