

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

STATE SENATOR LENA C. TAYLOR



COMMUNITY ALERT

Senator Taylor's Office Closed July 5th

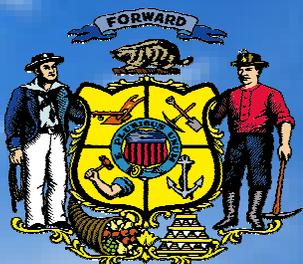
As my staff and I will be working on July 4th in the District, my offices will be closed on July 5th.

As always, if you have an emergency our voicemail and emails will be checked.

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!



FREEDOM TO VOTE NEEDS OUR PROTECTION, ACTION

As we celebrate America's independence this July 4th, I am reminded of a few wise words from the great civil rights leader Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King. Dr. King told us that "[c]hange does not roll in on the wheels of inevitability, but comes through continuous struggle. And so we must straighten our backs and work for our freedom. A man can't ride you unless your back is bent." Like the independence of our great nation, our rights as equal citizens is not the result of an inevitable outcome, our equality is the result of a continuous struggle. In Wisconsin, Republican leaders spent their energy not on creating jobs, but on chipping away at our right to vote. They passed laws changing who can access the polls and now they are trying to pass more saying when we can vote and what we can vote on. The easiest way you can fight to protect our voting rights is to get out and vote during every election, not just during presidential ones.



In addition to attacks on our voting rights in Madison, our equality is also being attacked in Washington. Last month, the Supreme Court



of the United States gutted one of our most important civil rights protections: Section 4 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. The Voting Rights Act's success in preventing our voices

from being silenced during elections is unprecedented. One of the greatest ways we can "straighten our backs" is to demand Congress act to recodify workable Voting Rights Act protections. We can and must work together against forces that wish to silence our voices.



4th of July Parades with Senator Taylor!

9am

Noyes Park Parade

10:30am

Glendale Parade

1:30pm

Brown Deer Parade

3pm

Shorewood Parade

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DHS HOLDING BADGERCARE HEARINGS

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) will be holding hearings on Gov. Walker's "entitlement reform" plans that change how BadgerCare operates. These hearings are required by the federal government for Gov. Walker to implement his new BadgerCare plans. Your voice needs to be heard! Attend the Milwaukee hearing on Thursday, July 11 from 11am to 1pm at the Radisson Milwaukee West at 2303 North Mayfair Rd, Milwaukee. You can email comments to: DHSBCDemonstrationWaiver@dhs.wisconsin.gov. More info at www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/badgercareplus/waivers.htm

VETOES DON'T FIX "FATALLY FLAWED BUDGET"

This past Sunday, Governor Walker signed the state budget and issued 57 partial vetoes. These vetoes included the bail bondmen provision and the Center of Investigative Journalism. While this appears to improve the budget, Governor Walker also vetoed out 3.5 million in funding for Milwaukee to clear blighted homes and restricted access to public information on school testing. This led the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel to write, "Scott Walker's vetoes didn't fix a fatally flawed budget."



Wise Words of the Week!

Contact Us!
We Enjoy
Hearing
From You!

"For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others."

— Nelson Mandela



"Freedom is hammered out on the anvil of discussion, dissent, and debate."

— Hubert Humphrey

