

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

STATE SENATOR LENA C. TAYLOR



BAN THE BOX BILL REINTRODUCED, JOBS FOR ALL!

Along with Representatives Chris Taylor and Mandela Barnes, I introduced the Ban The Box Bill on Thursday this week to the Legislature. This bill will prohibit any employer from asking applicants if they have been arrested or convicted before selecting the person for an interview. Usually this question is a check box on an application and results in the applicant being removed from consideration for a job. This question on applications is one of the most common ways persons with a conviction record are kept from jobs that they could easily do. Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and Minnesota all prevent this kind of employment discrimination. Wisconsin should follow suit to bring unemployed persons back to work, especially minorities, given our high racial disparities in this state. Formal introduction will be on August 12th.



2009 MASCOT LAW BACK IN GOP CROSSHAIRS

This past week, GOP legislators introduced a bill to repeal the 2009 law that requires schools to move away from using race-based mascots and logos. The law, passed in 2009, allows persons to file to have schools change their mascots and then the state superintendent of public instruction would give the school a reasonable amount of time to change the mascots. Some schools have resisted, most notably Mukwonago Schools and their mascot, the Indians (above). The bill repealing this law is newly introduced but such actions concern me as how we respond to the racial innuendo and slurs in such a manner. Native people in Wisconsin deserve better than repeal.



COMMUNITY ALERT

National Night Out

Tuesday, August 6th
Lincoln Park

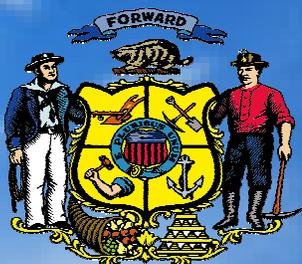
FOOD, ACTIVITIES,
FREE SWIMMING!

Sponsored by:
Sen. Taylor, County Supervisors Theo Lipscomb & Willie Johnson, Alderman Ashanti Hamilton

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!





The Significance & Importance of the Supreme Court Voting Rights Decision

Community
Brainstorming
Conference

Sat, July 27
8am-11am

St. Matthews CME
2944 N 9th St

FREE BREAKFAST

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P.E.O.P.L.E PROGRAM STUDENTS VISIT CAPITOL

The University of Wisconsin runs great program called PEOPLE, which stands for "Pre-college Enrichment Opportunity Program for Learning Excellence". This week, I had the opportunity to meet with five high school students thinking about college and talk about the importance of higher education and what my education meant to me in my career. These students asked great questions and represent real future leaders ready to learn and take action for a better world!



ON SINGING & THE FIRST AMENDMENT

This past week, the state began to arrest members of the Solidarity Singers citing a federal judge's decision to require permits for an organized group of over 20 people assembling at the Capitol. Singers were given tickets and then released. I question the wisdom or the need of the state to resort to such tactics. Singing is a common hu-



man way of expressing one's self. It seems to me that the resources of the state are better spent on more pressing problems than clearing singers from the capitol.

Wise Words of the Week!

Contact Us!
We Enjoy
Hearing
From You!

"The only thing better than singing is more singing."

— Ella Fitzgerald



"It is an unfortunate human failing that a full pocketbook often groans more loudly than an empty stomach."

— President Franklin D. Roosevelt

