



COMMUNITY ALERT

State of the Tribes Address

Thursday, February 13th

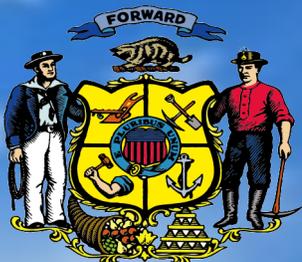
Watch here:

<http://www.wiseye.org/>

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!



GOP ATTACK VOTING HOURS

This week the Senate Election and Urban Affairs Committee held a hearing on Assembly Bill 54— a bill that would limit voting times for in-person absentee ballots. Though this bill claims to create voter “fairness” in Wisconsin through the standardization of voting hours, the bill does the exact opposite. Larger cities with larger populations need longer hours for voting to accommodate for volume and reduce long lines. Areas with smaller populations don’t need a 40-hour week to process votes. Limiting voting in populous cities punishes the citizens living in these areas, impeding their constitutional right to participate in their government.



Source: http://media.jrn.com/images/660*439/29298657-mjs_voting_nws_sears_1.jpg

INCREASING POLL ACCESS

I am proud to co-sponsor Senate Bill 404, which lessens the burden on disabled voters by extending current election day curbside voting policies to include in-person absentee curbside voting. By providing disabled citizens with easier access to their constitutional right to vote, this bill fights to increase political efficacy and voter turnout.



Source: <http://www.motherjones.com/files/i-vote-in-wisconsin.jpg>

No persons, no matter their income, race, age, mobility or health should be disqualified from voting. Going to the polls and voting is something citizens throughout our beautiful country cherish; through this bill, my colleagues and I hope to extend this experience, convenience, and right to the disabled citizens of Wisconsin.



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CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY

Black History Month is always one of my favorite times of the year. Every February, we are given the opportunity to take a moment to acknowledge the progress and struggles of African Americans. This month, we celebrate the African American trailblazers who pushed against the status quo to provide fairness, equality, and justice for all in Wisconsin; pioneers like Joshua Glover, Ezekiel Gillespie, Lloyd Barbee, and Vel Phillips. Join me this month in celebrating their hard work and sharing their legacy.



LOVE YOUR HEART!



February is heart month! Start 2014 off right by taking better care of your heart and changing the ways you take care of yourself. By visiting uwhealth.org/LoveYourHeart, you can learn simple steps, watch inspiring videos, and review helpful tools to promote personal heart health. This month is all about spreading the love; take the time to share the tools you've learned to promote a healthy heart with family members and people in your community.

Wise Words of the Week!

Contact Us!

**We Enjoy
Hearing
From You!**

**"The ballot is stronger than the bullet"
- President Abraham Lincoln**



**"Just don't give up trying to do what you
really want to do. When there is love and
inspiration, I don't think you can go
wrong"**

- Ella Fitzgerald

