

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

STATE SENATOR LENA C. TAYLOR



COMMUNITY ALERT

Blood Center of Wisconsin

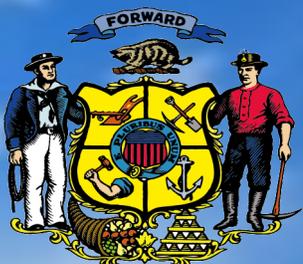
The first 50 people who donate blood will receive 2 free tickets to Jammin' 98.3's Gathering to Save Lives!

Call the Blood Center of Wisconsin at (877)-232-4376 to make an appointment!

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!



NEWBORN TESTING IMPORTANT STEP FOR COMMUNITY

For every parent, raising a healthy child is a top priority. As your senator, I am dedicated to raising awareness about the health of the children in our community! I am happy to announce that this week an important newborn testing bill passed on the floor. SB 523 affirms that every infant will now be tested for congenital and metabolic disorders. It is important that we know what illnesses affect our children, so we can recognize them early and treat them successfully.



SAFETY IN THE SNOW!



Senate Bill 482 successfully passed through committee this week. This bill enhances the snowmobile safety program under current law by requiring that all vehicles used during training are in good working order and are equipped with a device that limits the speed of the snowmobile to 15 miles per hour. Every day, my colleagues and I work hard to ensure the safety of our constituents; this bill is a small but important example of our efforts!

ANNUAL 'STATE OF TRIBES' ADDRESS

It is essential that all issues—whether they derive from a majority or minority group—are heard in our political arena. This week, the newly elected leader of the Menominee Nation, Laurie Boivin, took the stage to deliver the annual 'state of the tribes' address. The address sparked considerable controversy this year, *(continued on next page)*





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as the Menominee Nation is currently seeking Governor Walker's approval to build an \$800 million casino complex in Kenosha with the Seminole Tribe's Hard Rock Entertainment Inc. The discussion over the proposed casino has become heated, and a strong source of opposition has grown from the Potawatomi and Ho-Chunk tribes. I implore all to take the time to listen to the address and understand the voices of the Native American Community.

MARRIAGE EQUALITY FOR ALL WISCONSINITES



Wisconsin has a long and rich history of tolerance; equality is a value we hold dear in our laws and everyday lives. In an effort to treat all equally under the law, a marriage equality bill, LRB-0414/1, is being introduced in the state legislature.

My colleagues and I hope to reverse our state constitution's discriminatory language. Many opponents to marriage equality argue that they are protecting the institution of marriage. To these opponents we ask, how are you protecting the citizens of Wisconsin and the sanctity of marriage by banning some from enjoying it?

Wise Words of the Week!

Contact Us!

We Enjoy
Hearing
From You!

"Equality is the soul of liberty; there is, in fact, no liberty without it."

-Frances Wright



"It is hard to fail, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed."

-Theodore Roosevelt

