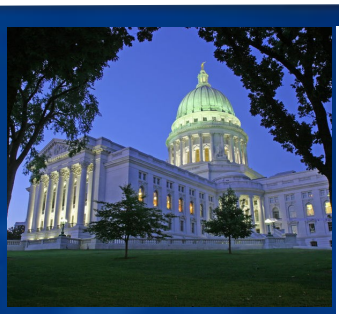
4TH SENATE DISTRICT

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

STATE SENATOR LENA C. TAYLOR

Week of February 23 — March 2



COMMUNITY ALERT

Gathering to Save Lives Blood Drive:

Saturday, March 1st

10am –3pm

The first 50 people to donate will receive 2 free ticket's to Jammin' 98.3's The Gathering

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Call the Blood Center of Wisconsin at (877)-232-4376 for 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!

CHALLENGING VOTER ID LAWS

On February 25th, I attended the Wisconsin Supreme Court hearing for two cases whose oral arguments focused on the recent voter ID laws. Justice Pat Roggensack noted that under the law, individuals who need to pay $20 for a copy of their birth certificate so that they can obtain a free ID are essentially paying a poll tax. Additionally, NAACP attorney Richard Saks argued that when you add up the trips to various government agencies necessary to attain the proper documentation, as well as the DMV, the law constitutes an undue burden on many Wisconsin citizens. The Court's decision is expected by the end of June, and it is my hope that this irresponsible and malicious law will be found unconstitutional.

NEW LOAN FUND FOR BLACK ENTREPRENEURS

The African American Chamber of Commerce and Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation are behind a new revolving loan fund designed to help black business owners. This program offers loans ranging from $5,000 to $25,000 to new and experienced entrepreneurs. After much effort, I am pleased to see years of hard work become a reality. When WEDC was created, I fought for the inclusion of veterans, women, and minority owned businesses' interests. Now, I am proud to see the state work to strengthen its chambers, shape infrastructure and build capital. These loans are an investment in the innovative, creative spirit of African Americans and recognizes their crucial role in the revitalization of our community.

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SCOTT WALKER'S "PRIVATE" EMAILS EXPOSED

Thousands of emails from Scott Walker and his staff have been released as the result of a lengthy investigation that seeks to clarify the blurry line between Walker's governance, campaign, and character. The inquiry has found extensive evidence of foul play, including some that could implicate Walker's "inner circle" in campaign activity on county time. Many of the emails under investigation indicate that Scott Walker is the irresponsible governor that we have always suspected; one that has spent little time creating jobs in Wisconsin and has attacked a variety of groups, including women, African Americans and Native Americans.

REFLECTING ON BLACK HISTORY MONTH

As February comes to an end, I would like to take the time to reflect on Black History Month. From honoring hard-working African Americans on the Senate floor to speaking on African-American advancement in society, I've had a wonderful month recognizing the community's rich history and undying commitment to progress. While much has accomplished, there is still more to be done in years to come. Join me in treating every month like Black History Month!

Wise Words of the Week!

Contact Us! We Enjoy Hearing From You!

"History has shown us that courage can be contagious and hope can take on a life of its own."

-Michelle Obama

"Have a vision. Be demanding"

-Colin Powell