

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

STATE SENATOR LENA C. TAYLOR



## COMMUNITY ALERT

**Affordable Care Act  
Update:**

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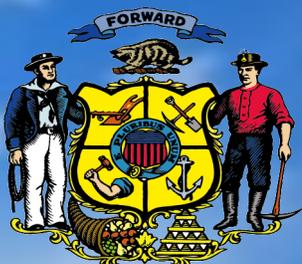
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Dear Friend,

Thank you for reading the legislative update. I hope you find the information provided here useful.

As Always, I'm  
Here to Serve!



## SHACKLING VOTERS' RIGHTS

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week the GOP controlled Senate under the pretense of eliminating fraud and creating uniformity passed a package of election bills that eroded the rights of Wisconsin voters. These policies will result in patchwork of non-uniform election rules and practices that will burden clerks, and lengthen lines at polls on Election Day. Instead of restricting the constitutional right to vote, we should be expanding voters' rights, participation, and civic engagement. Without question our democracy is strongest when the right to vote is not shackled by partisan politics that result in the disenfranchisement of our citizens. In an effort to protect our election, I coauthored the "Right to Vote Act" which establishes that each resident has a fundamental right to vote in their district, which cannot be denied.



## LEGISLATURE WELCOMES DIVINE NINE

On Wednesday, the Wisconsin Legislature welcomed the Divine Nine to the Capitol; the nine historically Black Greek sororities and fraternities that make up the National Pan-Hellenic Council. Each member has had a powerful, positive effect on our country's history, shaping some of our nation's most influential leaders. These organizations continue to encourage positive self-fulfillment through public service and scholarship, and help to bring awareness to important issues such as human trafficking, providing seminars on how to successfully advocate and lobby for change. During my time at UW-Milwaukee, I rushed the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, and have been blessed with a new family of wonderful



women that I can call sisters. As such, I was proud to stand with the legislature in welcoming the Divine Nine to the Capitol.

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## CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY

This March, please join me in celebrating Women's History Month. Together we remember the pioneering women of our nation who paved the way for generations to follow. Here in Wisconsin, we pay tribute to women like Vel Phillips the first female and African American Secretary of State in Wisconsin. Moreover, as the voting rights of our citizens are being threatened, it is especially important to remember suffragettes like Susan B. Anthony and Wisconsin's own Ada James, who fought tirelessly for their right to vote. I ask you not only to recognize these spectacular women of the past, but also those in our community who continue to make history every day.



<http://www.jsonline.com/news/milwaukee/stinco16>

## CHAMPION FOR VOLUNTEERISM



After being introduced by a colleague, I sat down with Miss Wisconsin Central's Outstanding Teen Outstanding 2014, Marlaina Perelshtein to discuss the importance of teen volunteerism. I was struck by Marly's vision and drive. We then had the chance to meet with the Governor Tuesday to share ideas on how to increase involvement in volunteer projects. Marly also shared that April 6th to 12th is Volunteer Appreciation Week! This week serves to recognize and celebrate the many ways that people reach out and engage with their communities. I believe that we should celebrate the great work our community volunteers do during volunteer week, as well as every day of the year. Be sure to thank your community volunteers for all they do to give back and help out others in need.

## Wise Words of the Week!

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We Enjoy Hearing From You!

"A man without a vote is a man without protection."

— Lyndon B. Johnson

