



COMMUNITY ALERT

District Listening Session

March 31st 5:30pm -7pm

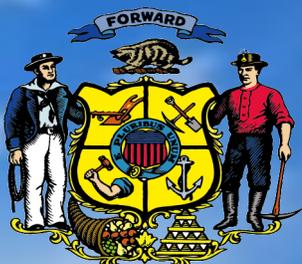
My office will be open to hear your thoughts, concerns, and ideas!

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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!



SAVING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS

After nearly a two year process, in response to the horrific shootings in Brookfield and others around Wisconsin, I authored legislation with Rep. Gary Bies to create a standardized statewide process for the surrender of firearms for perpetrators of domestic violence. I am proud to say that Assembly Bill 464 has passed both the Assembly and Senate, making the lack of real enforcement procedures in 70% of Wisconsin's counties, one signature away from being a problem of the past. AB 464 was the product of collaborative work with several domestic violence prevention organizations, to close loopholes that allowed offenders to keep their firearms. This bill will make sure that victims are adequately protected all around Wisconsin, and is a victory for victims, families, and all Wisconsinites.



PROTECTING CITIZEN'S PRIVACY

Senator Leah Vukmir and I put partisan politics aside to protect privacy in the modern and high tech world. In the age of smart phones with built in cameras and social media that can take things viral in seconds, Wisconsin laws failed to protect citizens from the distribution of images they consented to have taken, but never agreed to have published or posted. Current law protected citizens in cases when they were unaware or did not consent to have their photo taken, but until the passage of Senate Bill 367, no recourse was available in cases when permission was given. Because the release of such images causes far more than just embarrassment, and has led individuals to take their own lives, I was relieved that our legislature acted before the close of session to criminalize what is equal to nonconsensual pornography.





Affordable Care Act Update!

Deadline to enroll is March 31st

For more information or to sign up, visit healthcare.gov or call 1-800-318-2596

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MOVING CORRECTIONS REFORM FORWARD

On Monday I visited Oakhill Correctional Institution for a tour and roundtable to discuss corrections reform and reentry resources with other state legislators, faith leaders, and DOC staff. I am excited to finally see the ends beginning to meet; connecting offenders who are reentering with the resources and services in the community that are necessary for leading a successful life. I look forward to continuing my work with the Justice Center to use data driven strategies that have shown to successfully address the areas that have been identified as “triggers” that cause our state to have high incarceration rates. We can then take the savings and reinvest in these effective programs, creating a positive loop that benefits both reentering individuals, and the taxpayers of Wisconsin.

REFLECTING ON WOMEN’S DAY

As many of you know March is Women’s history month, and on March 8 we celebrated International Women’s Day, a time to recognize and thank women around the world who have sacrificed so much for the betterment of all. With close ties to Women’s Action for New Directions and the EastWest Institute, I am blessed to have a group of women to connect with from around the world. The United States Ambassador for Global



Women’s Issues Melanne Verneer summed it up perfectly by saying “A network like this is so important, to let your sisters around the world know that they are not alone in their struggle. But that they are the agents of change.” I am proud to be a part of the movement for progressive change, and thank all my sisters for all the work they continue to do!

Wise Words of the Week!

**Contact Us!
We Enjoy
Hearing
From You!**

“To be left alone is the most precious thing one can ask of the modern world.”
— Anthony Burgess

“Above all, be the heroine of your life, not the victim.”

— Nora Ephron

