

COMMUNITY ALERT

April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month!

Texting distracts a driver for about 5 seconds; at 55 mph, that is like driving the length of a football field *blindfolded*

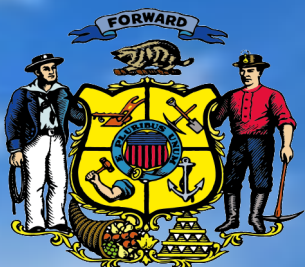
Know the facts, and drive safely!

#justdrive

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!



STANDARDIZED REVIEW PROCESS CREATED



I am proud to announce that last Tuesday, Governor Scott Walker officially signed into law AB 409, a bill that I authored, which requires law enforcement agencies to have a written policy for handling in-custody deaths. Importantly, this law helps safeguard the rights of victims involved in police deaths by reshaping the investigation process to involve

less bias and more eyes. Our heroic law enforcement officials take action in the name of keeping our communities safe, however, like every government actor, police power requires oversight. This legislation will shine a light on the review process and will help prevent future tragedies like those of Derick Williams, Paul Heenan, or Michael Bell. Though this bill, I hope that more thorough investigations of in-custody deaths will bring comfort to the families and communities who have not only lost their loved ones, but have also been deprived of justice.

RECOGNIZING DENIM DAY

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Last Wednesday, April 23rd, was Denim Day, an important day which has emerged as a way to stand by victims of sexual violence who are too often blamed for the actions of their assailants. The Denim Day campaign was sparked by the Italian Supreme Court's overturning of a rape conviction because the victim was wearing tight jeans. My staff and I joined the community in the fight against sexual assault last Wednesday by wearing jeans to work! As April draws to a close, I want to emphasize that sexual assault continues to take place in Wisconsin. However, by raising awareness, we can help generate love, hope, and support for survivors and put an end to victim blaming. Together we can stop sexual assault from occurring. Remember: Tight jeans do not cause rape!





CommUNITY Cleanup!

This Saturday , April 26th from 9am-3pm, join CommUNITY for food, games, art, and fun as they cleanup, plant trees, and build raised-bed gardens in the Harambee neighborhood. This will help promote a better community for us all.

*Harambee Neighborhood,
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DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS

The Senate unanimously passed Senate Resolution 8, which proclaims April 24th, 2014, as Distracted Driving Awareness Day. SR 8 asks drivers to be more mindful of their driving habits and the risks that they may present. Separate findings even show that talking on a cell phone while using a hands-free device increases the likelihood of an accident by four times. I hope that by raising awareness, we can reduce accidents and make Wisconsin's roads and highways safer. Remember: It can wait!



CELEBRATING EARTH DAY



April 22nd, 2014, was Earth Day, a special day where I took the time to recognize the important role that the environment plays in my life and look for ways to be more eco-friendly. The average person uses 200 lbs of plastic each year and only recycles 6 lbs, contributing to the 14,000,000,000 tons of garbage dumped into the ocean each year. Recycling is one of the easiest ways that you can reduce your environmental impact. Going forward, think about how you can help leave the Earth a better place than you found it!

MILWAUKEE MEDICINE COLLECTION DAY

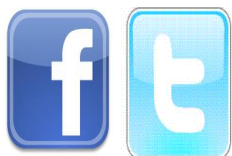
Tomorrow, April 26th from 10am-2pm, you can bring unused medicines to the Mitchell Park Domes located at 524 S. Layton Blvd. to prevent them from being stolen, accidentally ingested, or from getting into Lake Michigan if poured down the drain. For more information on what substances are allowed and not allowed to bring, visit www.mmsd.com or www.dea.gov.



Wise Words of the Week!

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

“Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul”
- John Muir



“If you're going through hell, keep going.”
- Winston Churchill