

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

STATE SENATOR LENA C. TAYLOR



COMMUNITY ALERT

UniverSoul Circus

The circus is coming to town! UniverSoul Circus will be in Milwaukee September 17—21

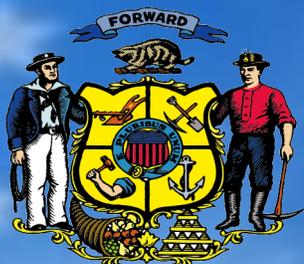
For more information, or to get tickets:

www.universoulcircus.com

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!



GOV. WALKER WALKS ALL OVER WOMEN'S RIGHTS

DNC Chairwoman, Debbie Wasserman-Schultz made headlines for a controversial statement about Walker's policies regarding women. Walker's record on issues that affect women has been more than disappointing. His opposition to a minimum wage increase, equal pay, and support for a bill that would prevent people claiming employment discrimination from seeking damages in state court all make it more difficult for women in the workplace. In a statement the Chairwoman declared, "Walker's policies have been bad for Wisconsin women, whether it's mandating ultrasounds, repealing an equal pay law, or rejecting federal funding for preventative healthcare, Walker's record speaks for itself." I agree, we need a leader who will champion women's rights & prioritize equality & fairness.



JOB CLAIMS: WHAT THE REAL NUMBERS SAY



Mary Burke, the Democratic gubernatorial candidate, says that Wisconsin ranks last in Midwest job growth. Governor Walker says Wisconsin is third in Midwest in jobs created. Whose claim can we trust? Burke is focused on the overall percentage growth, while Walker is focused on the raw number of jobs created. Here's how the data breaks-down. Economists prefer Burke's method

because it shows performance regardless of the state's population. After a comprehensive look at the data, Burke's claim is correct, Wisconsin is "dead last" in the Mid-West in job creation. Very low-income growth and poor levels of consumer spending have matched Wisconsin's minimal job creation numbers. When Walker ran for Governor of Wisconsin in 2011, he promised to create 250,000 jobs. This was his number one campaign promise and he has failed to deliver. Now he's shifting focus to comparing Wisconsin to other states. Walker uses the raw number of jobs created as his measuring stick -- not the percentage increase. Percentage increase accounts for varying size and demographics of states and is the measure preferred by economists. Consequently, Mary Burke's statements are more accurate—meaning the Wisconsin is unfortunately dead last is job growth.



Incarceration, Opportunity and the Future of Milwaukee

Join New York Times bestselling author and law professor Michelle Alexander for her perspective on the various historical and cultural currents that shape the criminal justice system. It will be a great opportunity to have a dialogue, build coalitions and creating lasting change!

**Friday, September 26
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**MATC, Cooley Auditorium
1015 North Sixth Street**

RSVP: <http://tinyurl.com/Sept26RSVP>

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CHANGES TO THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE



Department of Workforce Development

The Department of Workforce Development has made some important updates to its online system, which will go into effect Wednesday, September 10 of this year. This will impact anyone who chooses to file their weekly unemployment insurance claim online. First, claimants who file weekly claims online and are legally required to look for work will need to enter weekly work search information in the online system every time they file weekly claims. Claimants will continue to be required to retain their weekly work searches for one year. Second, claimants will be able to use a personal computer or mobile device to enter the required work search information to complete their claims. They will have options to print a copy of their online log for that week before they log out of the application.

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FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

There are two open seats on the Fire and Police Commission. Commissioners serve overlapping five-year terms, with one appointed each year, and receive a stipend of \$6,600.00 per year. Commissioners undergo a criminal history and financial background check. The Commission is in charge of establishing recruitment and testing standards for positions in the Fire and Police Departments. It also hears appeals by members of either department who have been disciplined by their Chief. The Commission has full authority to receive complaints and independently investigate and discipline employees for misconduct. If you or someone you know is interested in this appointment or any other appointments at the city of Milwaukee, please express interest on the website at: <http://city.milwaukee.gov/>



Wise Words of the Week!

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

“There are two powers in the world; one is the sword and the other is the pen. There is a great competition and rivalry between the two. There is a third power stronger than both, that of the women.”

— Muhammad Ali Jinnah

“Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.”

— Henry Ford

