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Rep. Gary Hebl's 2018 New Year's Resolutions

As we enter 2018, many people are preparing new goals to meet and new priorities to focus on. We, as state legislators, would be well served to follow suit. We must refocus on our roles as legislators and once again serve the citizens we represent. It is time to re-think our state's priorities. Here are my 2018 New Year's Resolutions.

1. Education
 - We need a shift in how we think about education and to stop vilifying teachers (as well as other state workers) and properly appreciate the work they do for our school children. We must adequately fund public K-12 education. It is the key to Wisconsin's future. Education is and will remain my #1 issue moving forward.
2. Environment
 - Wisconsin was once at the forefront of effective environmental protection. I will work to strengthen environmental protections once again so that we can fight back against pollution and climate change and ensure that our children and grandchildren have healthy and safe water and air.
3. Health Care
 - We must ensure that Wisconsin citizens have access to affordable health care. That means that we must accept the Medicaid expansion, which could cover 274,000 Wisconsin residents. It is more important than ever to make sure that the people of Wisconsin have some measure of confidence that they will be able to receive the care they need.
4. Roads/Bridges
 - The roads and bridges in our state are in dire need of repair. We need to work together to come up with a viable solution so that the people of this state don't have to drive on unsafe, cracked roads filled with potholes. I will work with my colleagues in the legislature to find solutions for repairing and improving our state's roads and bridges.
5. Voting Rights
 - Voting is an American's most fundamental right. We should want more people voting, not fewer. In the coming years we need to have non-partisan redistricting put in place, we must repeal suppressive Voter ID laws, and we must consider other measures to increase voter turnout, such as automatic voter registration and expanding early voting hours. I will strive to make it easier for Wisconsin residents to vote to ensure that elections truly represent the will of the majority.

I am eager to put partisanship aside and to work with my colleagues across the aisle to try to find genuine solutions to the problems we face. Negotiation and compromise have become vilified by those who seek ideological purity, but they are what adults do to solve problems. I have lived and worked in Wisconsin my whole life. Every day I meet people with different political viewpoints and I find that we have much more shared beliefs than opposing. When we remove ourselves from political grandstanding we find that we are neighbors. Neighbors band together and find solutions to problems they face. They don't ignore those in need to score cheap political points. For the greater good of all Wisconsin residents, this burgeoning hyper-partisanship must stop. I resolve in the New Year to work for the people of the 46th Assembly District and the people of Wisconsin.

Rep. Gary Hebl represents the 46th Assembly District, which includes the Cities of Sun Prairie and Stoughton, the Village of Cottage Grove, and the Townships of Cottage Grove, Dunkirk, Pleasant Springs, and Sun Prairie.

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