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Election Day Could Bring A Promise of Progress to Wisconsin
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The 2018 election season draws to a close on Tuesday November 6 with early voting continuing to run through the end of this week. By next Wednesday, we will know which direction our state is going. Whether continuing with the backwards policies that have defined the last 8 years, or going into a new, forward-thinking direction in which more than one party will be able to have a say in the affairs of our state remains to be seen.

That is why voting is so important. I have heard so much talk, especially before the most recent Presidential election, that your vote doesn't matter because there's very little difference between the two parties. This thinking is untrue and never has it been more clearly evident. In the last two years of this administration, the Republican party has: given enormous tax cuts to corporations and millionaires exploding the deficit; separated immigrant children from their parents and kept them in cages; installed two right-wing ideologues onto the Supreme Court (one of which showed that he did not possess the temperament to sit on the nation's highest court as well as being credibly accused of sexual assault); rolled back regulations protecting our environment, despite their own prediction that the global temperature could increase seven degrees by the turn of the century; engaged in corruption on a massive scale, from using government planes for private excursions to insider trading, all the while refusing to investigate any of the administration's misdeeds; perhaps irredeemably damaging the United States' standing as a leader on the global stage with a President who cares more about watching TV than listening during briefings; and trying, again and again, to take health care away from Americans. It doesn't stop there- the list could go on and on.

As I have stated before, Republicans care more about holding their positions of power than actually governing. Democrats, in Wisconsin and across the country, have been proposing smart, sensible legislation with the goal of helping struggling Americans and moving our country forward. Some of this legislation includes making college and health care more accessible and affordable to Americans, protecting low wage workers and increasing their wages, fighting climate change, and increasing voter participation. We have met Republican roadblocks along the way, but we continue to fight for everyday Americans and Wisconsinites.

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