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2019–2020 LEGISLATIVE SURVEY INSIDE

Your voice is very important to me. Please take the time to fill out my survey so I can better represent your views and interests in the state legislature. *I look forward to hearing from you!*



Rep. Shankland introduces her Healthy Herd, Healthy Hunt package of bills to address Chronic Wasting Disease with the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation. In 2019, WWF gave her the Conservation Legislator of the Year award.



STATE REPRESENTATIVE
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71ST ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

Friends and Neighbors,

Thank you for the opportunity to represent you in the Wisconsin State Assembly. Our community is a special place, and I'm proud of the way so many community members have stepped up to help each other during the public health emergency caused by the COVID-19 outbreak. I have been in frequent contact with Governor Evers, state agencies, and legislators to address how we can support our communities during this difficult time. If I can be of assistance to you in any way, please reach out and let me know how I can help you.

This legislative session has been filled with opportunities to work together to improve people's lives. I have enjoyed leading on clean water initiatives, serving as the Vice Chair of the Speaker's Task Force on Water Quality and introducing over a dozen bills to address water quality. I believe in getting results, and this session I've introduced and coauthored more bipartisan bills than ever, with a ratio of 2:1 being bipartisan. It's been rewarding to see that divided government gives us all a chance to have more thoughtful conversations and work together in new ways.

This newsletter provides an update on some of the work I've been doing in the Capitol prior to the COVID-19 outbreak and highlights some of the bills I have introduced during the 2019–20 legislative session. I appreciate you understanding that I was not able to further update this newsletter to address COVID-19 due to deadlines and restrictions with state law governing mass communications. Please know that you can find real time updates on my Facebook page, and you can always call or email me with questions.

Most importantly, I want to hear from you! Your voice is very important to me. I hope you will fill out my enclosed survey to share your thoughts and concerns about the issues facing state government. I truly appreciate hearing from you and the opportunity to serve our incredible community in the Capitol.

Gratefully,

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Rep. Shankland stands with first responders from Amherst, Plover, and across Wisconsin after testifying on AB 746, her bipartisan legislation to protect first responders from distracted drivers on the roadside.

LEADING ON CLEAN WATER IN WISCONSIN

I have always focused heavily on conservation issues in the Capitol, and this session it has been an honor to serve as the vice chair of the bipartisan and bicameral Water Quality Task Force. We traveled over 2,000 miles to 14 public hearings across the state, where we heard more than 100 hours of testimony about the water quality challenges facing our state and local communities. I was especially proud to bring the task force to Stevens Point for one of our hearings.

In early January, we released our final report and introduced ten bipartisan bills. I also introduced the Raising the Bar for Clean Water legislative package with some of my colleagues to restore protections for our state's water resources and reinvest in scientists and water quality initiatives. Finally, I introduced the brand new, bipartisan Clean Water Fund for Our Future to ensure that we have a sustainable funding source for clean water initiatives.



Rep. Shankland and members of the Water Quality Task Force unveil their \$10 million package of bipartisan clean water legislation



Rep. Shankland with Public Service Commission Chair Becky Valcq as Josh Stolzenburg of Northwind Renewable Energy Cooperative highlights the solar installation at Central Waters Brewing Company in Amherst

WORKING FOR CLEAN WATER NOW AND IN THE FUTURE

I am proud of the significant steps forward we have taken for water quality this session. Of all the clean water proposals I introduced with colleagues from both parties this session, I am most excited about our legislation to:

- ✓ Invest in the UW-Stevens Point Center for Watershed Science & Education
- ✓ Help farmers prevent nitrogen contamination by creating a nitrogen optimization pilot program
- ✓ Provide grants to farmers for using conservation best practices, from grazing to cover crop insurance rebates
- ✓ Establish the Clean Water Fund for our Future
- ✓ Increase funding for county land and water conservation staff, the boots on the ground for water quality
- ✓ Expand access to the Well Compensation Grant Program so more people can drink clean water from their taps
- ✓ Support counties in groundwater testing, mapping, and educational outreach

WORKING ACROSS THE AISLE

This session, I introduced 51 bills, 35 of which were bipartisan. I also coauthored 236 bills, 156 of which were bipartisan. I am proud that my bipartisan bills outnumber other bills two to one. Here are a few of the bipartisan bills that I introduced this session:

- Legalizing Medical Cannabis in Wisconsin — AB 570
- Reaching Higher for Higher Education — AB 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, and 392
- 12 Month Birth Control — AB 330
- Supporting Hmong Education in Wisconsin's Public Schools — AB 738
- Protecting Roadside Responders — AB 746
- Grants to Map, Monitor, and Control Wild Parsnip — AB 829
- Investing in Community Development Financial Institutions — AB 937

A VOICE FOR OUR COMMUNITY

This session, I also authored legislation to support our local governments, address Chronic Wasting Disease and the skyrocketing cost of insulin, and invest in clean energy and rural broadband.

- I was happy to introduce 2019 Wisconsin Act 126, which was signed into law by Governor Evers on March 3, 2020 and will support our local governments by simplifying Wisconsin's referendum law.
- The Healthy Herd, Healthy Hunt bills would tackle the spread of CWD by investing in carcass dumpsters, CWD testing kiosks, and CWD research and management.
- Life-saving medication shouldn't be out of reach. I introduced legislation with colleagues to cap the price of insulin at \$100 for a month's worth of vials.



Governor Evers signs 2019 Wisconsin Act 126 into law

- To spur clean energy manufacturing and businesses, create good jobs, and support local energy generation, I introduced legislation to create the Wisconsin Renewable Energy Development Authority.
- I built on Governor Evers' record broadband investments by introducing the Better Broadband legislative package with my colleagues, authoring two bills to prioritize farms in the state's broadband expansion grants and boost funding for rural broadband further.

REP. SHANKLAND WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Your voice is very important to me. Please take a few minutes to fill out my survey and share your thoughts. To return, simply refold with my address visible, tape the top, and attach a stamp. **THANK YOU!**

1. Do you feel the state of Wisconsin is generally headed in the right direction?

- Yes No Undecided

2. What issue facing the state is the most important to you?

- Education Environment
 Healthcare Taxes
 Economy and wages
 Good Government
 Other (please explain):

3. Choose one: Should Wisconsin ...

- Legalize only medical marijuana
 Decriminalize marijuana
 Legalize both medical and recreational marijuana
 Keep current law (marijuana remains illegal)

4. Should Wisconsin adopt a nonpartisan redistricting process for the drawing of new district lines?

- Yes No Undecided

5. Should the state of Wisconsin create a Clean Water Fund to help ensure everyone has access to clean drinking water and healthy lakes, rivers, and streams? If yes, how should we pay for it?

- a voluntary income tax checkoff
 use the existing excise tax and don't raise taxes
 use existing General Purpose Revenue and don't raise taxes
 raise the sales tax by 3/8 of one percent like Minnesota
 N/A. I don't support the Clean Water Fund

6. Would you support legislation to eliminate copays on life-saving medication, like insulin and inhalers?

- Yes No

7. With divided government, Republicans and Democrats need to work together to approve legislation. What are your feelings on bipartisanship?

8. What is your primary source of information on state government and news?

- Social Media Newspaper
 Television Radio
 Other (please fill in):

9. Please rate your elected officials on a scale of 1–5, with 5=strongly approve, 1=strongly disapprove, and 3=undetermined.

- President Donald Trump
 U.S. Senator Ron Johnson
 U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin
 Congressman Ron Kind
 Governor Tony Evers
 Senator Patrick Testin
 Representative Katrina Shankland

10. Do you have any ideas, suggestions, or thoughts you'd like to share? Thank you for making your voice heard!

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