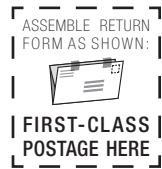


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Rep. Shankland holds ginseng she harvested from Will Hsu's ginseng farm during a visit by Governor Evers; Taipei Economic Culture Office Representative Bi-khim Hsiao; the WI Economic Development Corporation (WEDC); the WI Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP); the WI Department of Tourism; and local elected officials.

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2021–2022 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!*



STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
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*Friends and Neighbors,*

Thank you for the honor of continuing to serve as your State Representative. This legislative session has been unusual in many ways. From managing the continued impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, to navigating the redistricting process to determine our electoral maps for the next decade, and working with Governor Evers to promote grant programs to benefit our small businesses, farmers, and schools, there have been many opportunities and challenges. Through it all, my core goals have remained resolute: to represent our community members with integrity and transparency while getting results. I have kept working across the aisle to identify and advocate for real solutions to the problems that the people of Wisconsin are facing.

Last legislative session, I introduced more original bills than any other member of the State Assembly, two-thirds of which had bipartisan support. In the first year of this legislative session, I also introduced more legislation in one calendar year than I ever have before: from championing clean water and conserving our natural resources to investing in education, supporting workers and small businesses, protecting our sporting heritage, and more. It's important to note, though, that I don't just introduce bills and call it a day — I reach out to my colleagues across the aisle and work hard to get the bills signed into law. I am proud that I've been able to pass meaningful legislation into law every session since I was first elected, under governors from both political parties. Most recently, I was grateful to host Governor Tony Evers in Amherst to sign legislation I authored to help protect our roadside responders into law.

This newsletter provides an update on some of the work I've been doing at the Capitol, including an explanation of the new law mentioned above, as well as some of the other bills I have introduced this legislative session.

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 our state government. I truly appreciate hearing from you and am thankful for the opportunity to serve our incredible community in the Capitol.

Gratefully,

**Katrina Shankland**  
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Governor Tony Evers signs Rep. Shankland's bipartisan legislation into law at the Amherst Fire District. This new law protects first responders and roadside workers from reckless drivers through enhanced penalties, education, and prevention.



2021 WISCONSIN ACT 115:  
WORKING WITH AMHERST  
FIRE DISTRICT TO PROTECT  
ROADSIDE RESPONDERS

Over three years ago, after a driver ran into a fire truck in nearby Waupaca, Amherst Fire District Assistant Chief Brian Swan reached out to discuss how we can work together to protect first responders. Working with him and Amherst Fire Chief Victor Voss, I drafted and introduced bipartisan legislation to stiffen penalties for injuring or killing a roadside worker or first responder. Visiting with other fire departments across the state, I heard repeatedly from first responders that they would much rather run into a burning building than respond to a roadside incident—they have gear to protect them from fires, but nothing to protect them from reckless drivers. The new law provides roadside responders with some new gear: through education, enhanced penalties for hurting a roadside worker or first responder, and a new emergency zone (similar to a construction zone) with double the penalties for infractions, including cell phone use.

Recognizing the local efforts of the Amherst Fire District, Governor Tony Evers signed our bill into law along with fire, EMS, law enforcement, utility workers, tow truck drivers, and community members in Amherst on December 6, 2021. I also was pleased to honor Chief Voss and Assistant Chief Swan as Hometown Heroes, one of the highest awards granted by the State Assembly, in recognition of their efforts. We are grateful for their service to our community, and hope that this new law serves as an impetus for us all to do better, drive safer, and make sure everyone comes home safe.



Rep. Katrina Shankland, Amherst Fire Chief Victor Voss, Governor Tony Evers, and Assistant Chief Brian Swan celebrate the signing of 2021 Wisconsin Act 115.



Rep. Shankland and DNR Secretary Preston Cole hear from staff at UW-Stevens Point's Water & Environmental Analysis Lab about local well testing & research efforts as part of a lab tour. Rep. Shankland also hosted a conversation on clean drinking water with Secretary Cole.

CHAMPIONING CLEAN WATER

I love living in the “City of Wonderful Water,” and I am inspired by all of our Portage County community members who have dedicated themselves to protecting our state’s precious natural resources. That’s why I have always prioritized conservation issues in the Capitol. It was an honor to serve as the Vice Chair of the Speaker’s Task Force last session, and I was especially pleased that we passed ten bipartisan water quality bills unanimously through the State Assembly. Because of the pandemic, the Senate unfortunately adjourned without passing them.

This session, I’ve been working hard to carry the torch of that unfinished work forward. Working closely with my colleagues across the aisle, I introduced legislation to create a nitrogen optimization pilot program to support farmers in reducing nitrogen loading and leaching, start a new cover crop insurance rebate program to help farmers utilize cover crops and improve soil health, and fund a state hydrogeologist to help local governments find and address their local hotspots of contamination. I was pleased that this bill passed the State Assembly unanimously in February.

Another bipartisan bill I introduced would broaden eligibility for the state’s well compensation grant program. For years, I have heard from constituents who are unable to drink their tap water, and I have worked hard to address this through legislation to open up this program so people with nitrate and bacteria contamination in their private wells can receive assistance to repair and replace them. The bill would also expand opportunities for farmers to participate in producer-led watershed grants, lake protection grants, and river protection grants, and the State Senate passed the bill unanimously in January.

I’ve also introduced bipartisan legislation this session to support local governments with grants for private well testing, education, and outreach, because everyone deserves to know what’s in their drinking water. Finally, I have introduced bipartisan legislation to establish a permanent, sustainable fund called the Clean Water Fund for Our Future, so we can budget for water quality projects and ensure communities across Wisconsin have the support they need to secure clean water.

Everyone deserves clean drinking water. I hope to see some of these great bipartisan bills become law, and I will continue working across the aisle to advocate for them so future generations won’t have to grapple with the contamination, cleanup costs, and the health risks that too many community members are facing today.

A VOICE FOR OUR COMMUNITY

It’s my priority to ensure that the bills I work on are a reflection of what I hear about most from community members, and I know that bipartisan collaboration is key. This session, I:

- Worked with local, state, and federal stakeholders and community members to respond to the idling of the Wisconsin Rapids paper mill, including voting for legislation to keep the mill operational.
- Worked across the aisle to introduce bipartisan proposals to: help control invasive species like wild parsnip (AB 343), invest in Community Development Financial Institutions (AB 900), enhance public safety (AB 384), increase access to contraception (AB 256), and much more!
- Continued fighting for fair electoral district maps. Voters should choose their representatives, not the other way around.
- Introduced the Healthy Herd, Healthy Hunt legislative package to help tackle the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in our state’s deer herd. These bills are endorsed by the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation and Green Fire.



- Collaborated with local, state, and federal officials to help identify and respond to community needs related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Advocated for Wisconsin’s students, educators, staff, and public education institutions by introducing over a dozen education-related bills and helping secure funding for the Albertson Hall replacement project at UW-Stevens Point through the 2021–23 biennial state budget.

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

☐ Workforce

☐ Other (please explain):

3. Which statement most closely aligns with how you feel about Wisconsin’s current election laws?

☐ They’re about right. No changes are needed to current law.

☐ They should be stricter and limit access.

☐ Voting access should be expanded further.

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 from alcohol purchases 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 a Clean Water Fund

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

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

☐ Social Media ☐ Newspaper

☐ Television ☐ Radio

☐ Other (please fill in):

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

☐ President Joe Biden

☐ U.S. Senator Ron Johnson

☐ U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin

☐ Congressman Ron Kind

☐ Governor Tony Evers

☐ Senator Patrick Testin

☐ Representative Katrina Shankland

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

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