



WISCONSIN STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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73RD ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

## Updates from the Capitol



Dear Constituents of the 73rd,

As we mark the beginning of my third week, I wanted to take a little time to connect with those of you I know, and to introduce myself to anyone I have yet to meet. I have to start by saying that I am so thrilled to be representing the 73rd. The first day that I walked into the capitol after the election was truly surreal. The history of this place and the incredible trust placed in me by the people of the district leave me humbled and deeply committed to doing everything I can to help make your lives better.

One of the first decisions I had to make after the election was who to hire as my staff person, and three weeks in, it's clear that I made an absolutely excellent choice. Lucio De Los Santos comes out of recently retired Representative Evan Goyke's office, which was famous for its commitment to bipartisanship and fostering relationships with Republicans. This is something I believe is required for good

governance, and hiring Lucio was my first step toward that effort. I've asked Lucio to take a little space to introduce himself here, as he's the one whose voice you'll hear when you call our office and the first face you'll see when you visit us in the capitol.

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Hi! My name is Lucio and I have the incredible honor and privilege to work for Representative Stroud and the people of the 73rd assembly district. If you're ever having trouble with a government agency, need some assistance and don't know where to start, or just want to tell us what you think about a bill, give our office a call at (608) 237-9173 and I promise we will do whatever we can to help. -Lucio De Los Santos

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These first few weeks have been filled with meeting new people, answering constituent emails and phone calls, and working with colleagues to develop legislation. In fact, I've already co-sponsored my first bill! It's a small rule change that will make it easier for counties to hire forestry administrators by expanding eligibility requirements for DNR grants. According to the half-dozen forestry professionals in the district with whom I spoke before deciding to sign on to this legislation, this is a much-needed change.

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### Here are three big things that happened in Madison last week:

- Governor Evers signed an executive order creating the Office of Violence Prevention.
- On Tuesday, we voted on whether Voter ID should appear in our state constitution, a question that ultimately has to go before the voters. As I explained on my Facebook page, by my count, this will be the eighth constitutional amendment to appear on a ballot in two years. Voter ID is already law. We can and should debate its merits because there are still too many barriers to obtaining an ID that are structured by disability, social class, race, and proximity to a DMV. No matter how you feel about Voter ID, **this provision does not belong in our constitution**. There are many reasons to oppose this bill, but top of mind for me is that we should not be legislating by constitutional amendment. This is bad governance, which is why I voted NO on Tuesday and why I will vote NO again on April 1.
- On Thursday my colleagues and I released a package of bills aimed at reducing costs for families, lowering property taxes for the working-class, and saving money on prescription drugs. We'll have to get some Republicans to sign on if we have any hope of passing Democratic bills, so if you live outside of the 73rd,



please consider contacting your state representatives! If you live in the 73rd, consider contacting Senator Romaine Quinn's office to share your support.

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This week I'm looking forward to the Governor's State-of-the-State address. You can tune in at 7:00 PM on January 22nd at [WisEye.Org/Live](https://www.wiseye.org/live). (WisEye is our state's version of C-SPAN and is a great resource for learning about what's happening at the capitol.) I'm also looking forward to [Superior Days](#), the week of February 10.

I'll be sending out newsletters twice a month to keep you up to date on happenings in Madison and around the district, and I'll also be updating my official social media pages regularly. As always, if you have anything that my office can help you with, please be in touch. And if there's something happening in the district that you think I should know about, send us an email or call the office.

I hope to see you soon!

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