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Presenting the First Responder of the Year Award to Ashland police officers Matt Albertus, Nicholas Ovaska, and Andy Seitz.



Presenting the Bayfield County DA with a citation for winning 2023 District Attorney of the Year in Wisconsin.



Senator Quinn and I talking to constituents during a listening session in Washburn.



Governor Evers signing one of my bills, Assembly Bill 67.



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It has been my honor to serve the people of the 74th Assembly District. Thank you for trusting me to be your representative in Madison.

- Rep. Chanz Green

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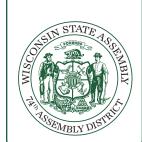
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To the 74th Assembly District:

As your state representative, I want to thank you for helping me get to know your issues at hand, your communities' issues, and for helping me get settled in as a state legislator. Being a freshman legislator, there are a lot of ups and downs to the session, but you, the constituents, make it easier for me to do my job to the best of my ability, which is representing Northern Wisconsin and making sure you are not forgotten in the political process down here in Madison.

It started with taking down Governor Evers' initial budget, which was filled with a two-billion-dollar tax hike, an unlimited spending spree on new government programs, and an expansion of welfare benefits. Republicans crafted their budget to show that fiscal responsibility is possible in Wisconsin while also making important investments in housing, transportation, and education. Republicans wanted to give you a \$3.5 billion income tax cut that affected the middle class, but the governor vetoed 95% of it. We are still fighting for your tax cuts every day!

After the budget was passed, the legislature took steps to address issues that are affecting Wisconsin. These topics included shared revenue, election integrity, mental health, property tax cuts, childcare, workforce development, and expanding school choice.

During this session so far, I have introduced 21 bills, had 3 bills signed into law, had 8 listening sessions, assisted 840 constituents, and sent out 1,190 letters to constituents. Like I said, I am honored to serve as your representative and making sure that your voice is heard in Madison! If anyone has any questions or concerns about anything, I encourage you to reach out to my office!

Sincerely,

My Tom

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Shared Revenue

I was excited to be part of this historic piece of legislation that brought municipalities at least 20% in shared revenue. This was a huge win for Northern Wisconsin, providing much-needed funding to our rural communities.

This package created a new Local Government Account with funding totaling over \$1.5 billion. This included \$275 million in new aid funding for local governments. This money will go to villages and towns and is directed to law enforcement, fire protection, emergency medical services, emergency response communications, public works, and transportation.

This package also increased current funding by \$22.8 million for EMS providers through the Funding Assistance Program. Tripled funding for existing grants to local governments to upgrade their 911 systems to \$24 million. Lastly, the package also eliminated the personal property tax that hindered business growth, both financially and regulatory.

FUNDING LOCAL GOVERNMENT INNOVATION

A Responsible Budget for Wisconsin

Governor Evers' proposed budget included a two-billion-dollar tax hike, an unlimited spending spree on new government programs, and an expansion of welfare benefits. Republicans, including myself, said no. His budget is irresponsible. The budget Republicans proposed reduced government spending, included a historic tax cut, invested in transportation, had record allocations to public and private education, and so much more. I was proud to vote for that!

Taxes

The budget that Republicans provided included a \$4.4 billion tax cut that includes \$3.5 billion in income tax relief, over \$600 million in property tax relief, and getting rid of the personal property tax. Evers vetoed 95% of the income tax cut, leaving only \$175 million.

Education

The budget gave support to public schools and school choice programs, empowering parents to choose the school and curriculum that are best for their child. Choice and charter schools will see nearly \$360 million in new funding, with public schools seeing an additional \$1 billion in funding. The budget also increased the low-revenue ceiling to \$11,000 per student.

Transportation

Transportation is one of the main issues that have been discussed in my district. The 2023–25 State Budget invested over \$1.5 billion in new funding for transportation. The Republican-authored budget provided \$130 million more in local road aid than Governor Evers proposed, which included \$100 million in the local road improvement program (supplemental).

Housing

The budget allocated \$525 million for housing initiatives to increase access to and affordability of housing statewide, particularly for seniors and young workers. \$50 million for the workforce housing rehabilitation loan program. \$275 million for the residential housing infrastructure revolving loan fund. \$100 million for the Main Street Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Fund. \$100 million for a commercial-to-housing conversion revolving loan fund.

Election Integrity

A constitutional republic is a state where the chief executive and representatives are elected and the rules are set down in a written constitution. That is what the United States of America is founded on.

That means elections in the United States should be free and fair. Elections should be transparent, and every citizen in Wisconsin should have confidence in elections, whether Republican, Democrat, or Independent.

I was proud to co-sponsor and vote for constitutional amendments that would allow only U.S. citizens to be considered qualified electors to vote in Wisconsin elections, prohibit the use of private funds in the administration of elections, and enshrine voter identification in the state's constitution.

I also co-authored one more constitutional amendment that prohibits ranked-choice voting in Wisconsin. Ranked-choice voting undermines this principle by altering the ballot-counting process to require multiple rounds of tabulation at a central location.

This could allow people to lose confidence in the process of electing a candidate. That is why five states have banned the practice; hopefully, Wisconsin can become the sixth.

Northern Wisconsin Victories

I was elected to be a voice in Madison for Northern Wisconsin. With my first year having its ups and downs, there is still a lot to look back on that has been accomplished for Northern Wisconsin.

When it comes to budget victories, such as funding the repairs of the Steve Creek Dam, funding the La Pointe Harbor Commission to keep the Madeline Island Ferry successful, securing \$3.6 million to help out counties and municipalities that were impacted by a 2022 federal court decision that exempted tribal members from paying property taxes within certain reservations and investing \$525 million in housing.

When it comes to legislative victories, three bills so far have been signed into law that affect Northern Wisconsin. Those bills include:

- Extending the Wisconsin Merit Scholarship Program which helps keep students in Wisconsin
- Allowing signs along snowmobile trails that advertise nearby businesses that ensure the public safety of snowmobile riders within the state and the safety of tourists that come to Wisconsin while maintaining an economic impact
- Allowing the operation of an ATV/UTV owned by an electric co-op on a highway so public utilities can traverse rough terrain to get their job done

Sporting Heritage

Sporting Heritage is a big part of my life, and one of the reasons I was elected was to protect that way of life for other people back in Northern Wisconsin. With the deer season passing, it is safe to say it was a true disappointment up in the north. Following the rough season, other Northern Wisconsin legislators and I had a listening session in Solon Springs to find out what solutions can be put in place to help the deer population. It was a lively discussion, and my office and other offices look forward to seeing what legislation can come about because of it.

But a lot of people agreed that one of the main issues was wolves. That is why I authored a bill that would



U.S. Rep. Tom Tiffany speaks as other WI State Legislators and the crowd listen during the deer listening session in Solon Springs.

require the DNR to put a population goal into their Wolf Management Plan. I have always thought that the DNR Wolf Management Plan is mismanaged and needs a population goal. It is time for people in Madison to wake up to this reality in Northern Wisconsin!