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We Have More Work To Do
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There are many important issues impacting Wisconsin citizens throughout the state. However, there have only been 69 acts in the 2019-2020 session so far, as compared to 370 in the last session. My colleagues and I in the Democratic Party have continued to advocate for legislation that would help improve the lives of Wisconsin families. The longer certain members of our legislative body wait to address the challenges facing our state, the harder it will be to find the necessary solutions.

I believe that Wisconsinites have a constitutional right to be fairly represented by their elected officials, regardless of their political affiliation. Partisan gerrymandering is wrong regardless of which party draws the lines. That is why my colleagues introduced and I co-sponsored Assembly Bill 303, which would create a non-partisan redistricting system in Wisconsin.

Currently, Wisconsin's criminal justice system is overcrowded, and the state spends more on corrections than on the entire UW system. Assembly Democrats have introduced legislation to both limit the number of people who are incarcerated and provide them with opportunities for employment.

Even bi-partisan bills have not been able to move through the legislative process. Assembly Bill 146, which would close the "Dark Store" loophole and lower property taxes for Wisconsin residents, is supported by members on both sides of the aisle including myself. Yet even with Republican support, the bill is stuck in committee.

While 2019 is coming to an end, there is still time left in the current Assembly Session to pass important legislation. Ending the session earlier than necessary would be detrimental to people all over Wisconsin, who we are elected to serve. I will continue working on these issues and many more in the new year. I hope all of my colleagues – regardless of party – do the same.