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## The Rural Vs. Urban Divide

As the State Representative of the 92<sup>nd</sup> Assembly District, I am proud to be your voice at the Capitol in Madison on issues that matter to the rural areas in our great state. Often times, people think that the biggest divide in politics is between Democrats and Republicans. At the state level however the biggest arguments we have are between rural and city issues and funding.

Often times this is our biggest battle between my colleagues in the legislature that are also from rural communities. We are trying to explain our point of view based on our constituency and way of life to the many colleagues of mine that represent areas that may not have agriculture, flooding and often they have a much more populated area.

Many times the people of rural Wisconsin get upset that their taxpayer dollars are going to urban areas such as Madison, Milwaukee, and other more populated areas. However, I see it as my duty to stand up for our rural communities because without them there would not be many things that urban areas rely on such as the dairy, poultry and beef industry among many others.

There are still many things that we can agree on however. More recent legislation that is currently moving through the process includes, increasing access to clean water, increasing school funding, commemorating those who fought in D-Day, increasing access to different kinds of milk in schools and many others.

As we continue to move through the budget process, I expect there to be many discussions and maybe even debates, but I will continue to be the voice of our rural communities no matter what.

As always, feel free to contact my office with questions, comments, or concerns.

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