

**Halverson, Vicky**

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**From:** Kerkman, Samantha  
**Sent:** Friday, August 28, 2009 3:43 PM  
**To:** Halverson, Vicky  
**Subject:** FW: Wisconsin Public Safety Issues

Called him... Please file...

Thanks

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Senator Wirch and Representative Kerkman,

I wanted to send you a quick email urging you both to take action on some bills that have a direct impact on the emergency services providers in your districts.

First, I would ask that you vote yes on the proposed amendment to AB-313 and then the amended AB-313 that would prevent DHS from charging providers for all levels of EMS personnel. Volunteers give a considerable amount of their time for little or no compensation, and to ask them to essentially pay for the right to work for free seems unreasonable.

Second, I would ask that you vote down SB-127 which would greatly expand the liability limits that fire and EMS personnel are exposed to. While I work and volunteer in the Town of Randall, I work full-time for a fire department in Illinois that essentially has full tort immunity for municipal employees which is even better, but I would ask that you minimally limit the personal risk that we have again for serving our communities, often for no compensation.

Thank you both for your time and your service. I'm sure, as is the case with many jobs, that it is often thankless work, but I personally appreciate your service to your customers, the constituents in your districts.

Jim Dinsch  
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