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A Fresh Take for the 8th

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While it has only been a few weeks since my inauguration as the state senator for Wisconsin's 8th Senate District, I have been hard at work in Madison learning the ropes, meeting with legislators on both sides of the aisle, and exploring opportunities to collaborate on the challenges our state is facing. I feel energized and optimistic that I can deliver on the priorities and commitments I shared with all those I met at the doors across our senate district. By sharing my aspirations for the coming months and years with you, my constituents, I hope you will have a better understanding of my commitment to moving Wisconsin forward and how I plan to represent you with integrity, dedication, and respect.

Building Upon Bipartisan Accomplishments

Our 8th Senate District is undeniably a “purple” district. Yet, no matter the diversity of political views, I heard a common message at the doors, time and time again: people are downright sick of the partisan gridlock in Madison, and want a state senator willing to work across the aisle to make actual progress on the important issues facing Wisconsin. I feel grateful that the voters of our district see me as someone committed to working across the aisle in the pursuit of common sense solutions—and with the professional experience to prove it. I am proud of the bipartisan work I have accomplished as an environmental policy expert and attorney, including important Wisconsin legislative success stories like the enactment of the Great Lakes Compact, a law critical to our state and region's long-term water needs and economic vitality. I am equally proud of my bipartisan efficacy on behalf of a statewide coalition to enact [Wisconsin's long-awaited Puppy Mill Bill](#), which earned the support of *every* single Democrat and Republican legislator. These experiences will guide my path as a state senator, as I know firsthand the importance of listening to people across the political spectrum and doing the hard work needed to achieve legislative solutions.

Moving Wisconsin Forward

During my campaign, I talked with thousands of people from every corner of this large senate district who shared their thoughts and concerns with me about a myriad of matters including public school funding, community safety, tax relief, women's reproductive healthcare—the list goes on. One common theme that emerged from these many conversations is that people are

concerned Wisconsin is falling noticeably behind our neighboring states in measurable, worrisome ways. Indeed, these concerns about our health and well-being, our children's opportunities, and our state's economic future are warranted, as demographic and economic data show Wisconsin is experiencing a marked decline in the number of young families and available workers. These challenges will require legislators, like me, to invest in our state's future by pursuing legislation that will serve to attract and retain our next generation of Wisconsinites—through laws that will protect and expand women's access to reproductive healthcare, facilitate investments in our schools, universities and technical colleges, address child care costs, and protect Wisconsin families' access to safe drinking water. For the same reason, I am committed to advancing strategic tax cuts directed at retirees and young working families to keep our state's seniors and vital workforce *here* in Wisconsin, where we want and need them to remain for the sake of Wisconsin families and our state's economic vitality.

Connecting with My Constituents

As a state senator, I look forward to connecting with my constituents across the district, to hear about the challenges they are facing or the ideas they may have for legislative solutions. While my legislative office may be physically located in Madison, much of my work will be done in the 8th Senate District. Going forward, I will be hosting in-district office hours at convenient locations all-around the district, like local public libraries and coffee shops. My staff is dedicated to public service and will work hard to provide exceptional constituent services to the people of the 8th Senate District. We are here to serve you.

I am committed to making a positive difference for the people of the 8th Senate District, and I hope you will join me in my efforts. Only together can we move Wisconsin forward.