

# Senator Rob Cowles' 2019-20 Legislative Session Update



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Hello friends and neighbors,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and looking forward to spring. I've been working hard and effectively with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle throughout the 2019-2020 Legislative Session to get things done for the people of Northeast Wisconsin, and I wanted to take a moment to review some of our accomplishments so far this session.

**Bills I've Authored:** This session, I've authored 35 bills with bipartisan support for the people of Northeast Wisconsin. As a sampling, some of these bills are aimed at financially assisting farmers to implement land and water conservation efforts, raising the awareness and prevention of Lyme disease, promoting smarter approaches to flooding with hydrologic restoration projects, helping to get Wisconsin's youth outdoors, standing up for survivors of sexual assault, preventing childhood lead exposure, protecting the rights of property owners, promoting economic development in our region, and creating a day to honor Electa Quinney. Learn more about the bills I've authored and what became law on my website.

**The Budget:** The 2019-2021 State Budget made substantial and needed investments without growing the size of state government, including many provisions for which I advocated. This includes a historic investment in K-12 education, a 10% increase in local road aids, starting the I-41 expansion and funding the Highway 15 project, cutting taxes to hard-working families, investing in long-term care workers and our state's aging population, funding the Stockbridge-Munsee Youth Wellness Center and HOPELINE grants, creating a Dairy Innovation Hub, and expanding rural broadband grants.

**Committee Work:** This session, I had four committee assignments, including Co-Chair of the Audit Committee. In this capacity, I've requested and followed-up on dozens of

audits to help hold our state government accountable and transparent. I also served on the Water Quality Task Force. After thirteen hearings around the state, we introduced thirteen bills that reflect what we heard from Wisconsinites. Finally, I also chaired the Natural Resources and Energy Committee and was a member of the Transportation, Veterans and Military Affairs Committee.

**Standing Up for Northeast Wisconsin:** Standing up for my constituents always comes first in this job. Every month, dozens of pieces of constituent casework make their way onto my desk. One of these contacts led to the Department of Corrections being stopped from building a prison in Hortonville after they failed to work with local leaders and residents. I also stood with residents around Shawano Lake to fight the federal government's efforts to keep lake levels too low for recreation. I get to meet some of the people behind these contacts at the hundreds of community events I have the opportunity to attend each year, and these events also allow me to recognize the contributions residents make in our communities.

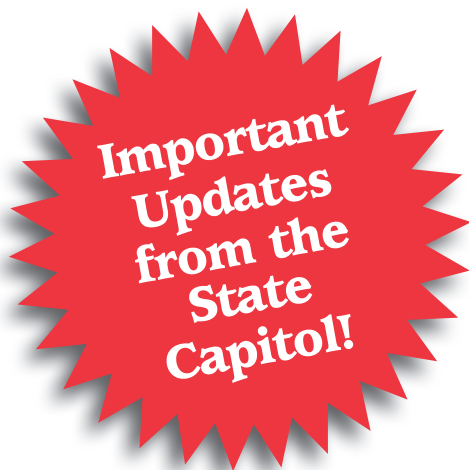
**Finishing Strong:** As I work to finish the 2019-2020 Legislative Session with more victories for the people of Northeast Wisconsin, please take a moment to follow me on social media and sign-up for my e-newsletters for more regular updates from the Capitol and around the district. Please also keep in-touch with my office on the issues most important to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in red ink, reading "Rob Cowles".

Senator Robert L. Cowles

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**Helpful Numbers:** Below are 25 phone numbers that may be helpful as you look to navigate our government. If you can't find the number you're looking for below, please feel free to reach out to my office or call 2-1-1 Wisconsin, a specialty service that connects you to the right venue using a database of federal, state, and local governmental and nonprofit services.

#### Business and Job Search Assistance

Business AnswerLine ..... 1-800-940-7232  
Farm Center Helpline ..... 1-800-942-2474  
Job Center of Wisconsin ..... 1-888-258-9966

#### File Complaints

Banking Questions or Complaints..... 1-800-452-3328  
Consumer Protection Hotline..... 1-800-422-7128  
Health Care Facilities Complaint ..... 1-800-642-6552  
Insurance Questions or Complaints ..... 1-800-236-8517

#### Local Aging and Disability Resource Centers

Brown County ..... 920-448-4300  
Outagamie and Waupaca Counties..... 1-866-739-2372  
Shawano County (Wolf River Region) ..... 1-855-492-2372

#### Medical Assistance

BadgerCare Plus Member Services..... 1-800-362-3002  
Prescription Drug Helpline ..... 1-855-677-2783  
SeniorCare Member Services ..... 1-800-657-2038

#### Natural Resources

DNR Customer Service ..... 1-888-936-7463  
Natural Resources Violations..... 1-800-847-9367

#### Report Fraud

Fraud, Waste, and Mismanagement ..... 1-877-372-8317  
Public Assistance Fraud Hotline ..... 1-877-865-3432

#### Transportation Assistance

Driver's License or ID Card..... 608-264-7447  
Road Information ..... 511  
Vehicle Title or Registration ..... 608-264-7447

#### Other Helpful Numbers

Addiction Recovery Helpline..... 1-833-944-4673  
Crime Victim Services..... 1-800-446-6564  
Suicide Prevention Lifeline ..... 1-800-273-8255  
Travel Wisconsin ..... 1-800-432-8747  
Veterans Benefits Hotline ..... 1-800-947-8387

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