

COMMUNITY ALERT

Milwaukee County Winter Farmers' Market

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Redistricting Seeks to Silence Minority Voices



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Dear Friend,

Thank you for reading the legislative update. I hope you find the information provided here useful.

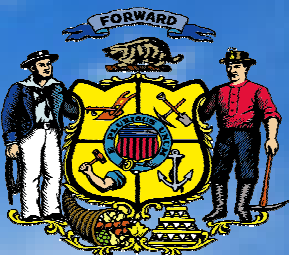
As Always I'm
Here to Serve!

Know Your Rights Clinic This Saturday



Greater New Birth Church, a Know Your Rights Clinic, discussing the civil rights each of us have when encountering law enforcement. This presentation includes an award winning film presentation and discussion among attendees, as well as information on the Milwaukee Fire & Police Commission. I encourage each of you to attend! The event

is from 9am to 1pm at Greater New Birth Church at 8237 W Silver Spring Dr, Milwaukee. It's free and open to the public. We will be discussing topics on encounters at traffic stops, what searches are legal, what to do when you are not under arrest but an officer is questioning you, and the importance of knowing your rights! I hope you can make it!





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Primary Voters Experience Voter ID, Issues Statewide

The spring primary election occurred last Tuesday and it was the first time that Voter ID was required in Wisconsin. Across the state, there are stories that indicate that poll workers and voters are still adjusting to this new law. While I hope that the courts overturn this disenfranchising law, it is apparent that some fixes are needed. In Racine, a man was denied the right to vote because he could not use his VA card. These are some of the issues which we must address before the next election!

Two GOP Bills Threatening Our Citizen's Health



Republicans in the Senate just introduced two misguided, dangerous public health bills. SJR21 seeks to dismantle Wisconsin's long-standing medical insurance mandate. Long before President Obama's federal health care reform was passed, the Wisconsin legislature had made medical insurance less expensive by requiring everyone to participate, just like how everyone is has to purchase car insurance. Now, Republicans in the Senate are attempting to set Wisconsin health care back by years. Worse, Senate Bill 306 attacks the women's reproductive rights. Under the law, a doctor could arbitrarily deny a woman the right to choose. This bill represents political games appeasing a radical base. Reproductive decisions are difficult enough for women without these shaming tactics or malicious road blocks. I pledge to fight both these bills and the extremist agenda they represent.

Contact Us! We Always Enjoy Hearing From You!

"But what is happiness but harmony between a man and the life he leads?"

-Albert Camus



"Am I not destroying my enemies when I make friends of them?"
-Abraham Lincoln