

## COMMUNITY ALERT

### Anti-Bullying Help

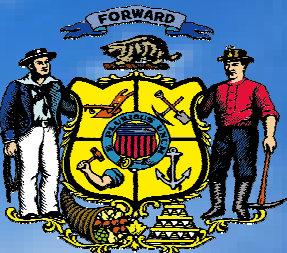
Bullying is a serious problem for young people in our community. Kids can, with help, often deflect the influence of bullying. I encourage anyone suffering from bullying or wishing to learn more to visit:

[milwaukee.thebullyexpert.com](http://milwaukee.thebullyexpert.com)

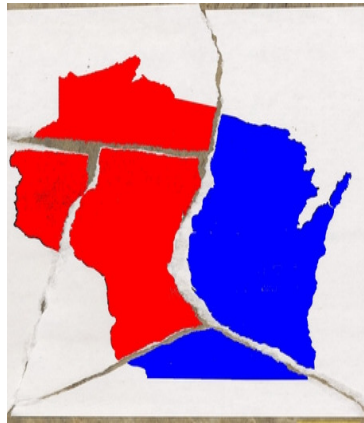
Dear Friend,

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

As Always I'm Here to Serve!



## Reflections on a Divided Legislative



As this year's session comes to an end, I look back on a fairly successful few months of legislation. True, we have yet to step out of our economic recession and thousands of unemployed and underemployed citizens are still waiting for better job opportunities. I am saddened that Republicans did not desire to work with Democrats more effectively to create more jobs in Wisconsin. However, it seems that the State's Republicans were engaging in hyper-partisanship and ignoring people's voices on job creation.

Looking back to last February, Governor Scott Walker's budget repair bill helped create a terribly distrustful, partisan mood in the current state legislature. That bill stripped the rights of public service workers to negotiate for a fair contract, slashed health care services from families, children and elderly people, and cut as much as \$1.6 billion from the state education funding. Near 1 million Wisconsin citizens signed a petition to recall Walker in response to that legislation. The recall effort strongly suggests public disapproval of Walker's assault on Wisconsin's longstanding tradition of moderate, bi-partisan cooperation.

Since the budget repair bill, the Republican majority has continually overreached in pursuit of a far-right national agenda completely unconnected to the aim of solving Wisconsin's not insignificant social and economic difficulties. The Voter ID law was a hyper-partisan law targeting women and non-white citizens in our state. The law, which sought to disenfranchise communities where a large proportion of citizens do not have valid IDs, would cost taxpayers \$7.5 million. How does this voter ID law help create jobs in Wisconsin?



Thousands in our state remain unemployed. We need more jobs to be created; we do not need to value conservative or liberal pet projects over this primary goal. Jobs need to be created on the basis of bi-partisanship, cooperation, and moderation. Despite our difficulties and our many differences, I continue to hope for a more cooperative atmosphere in next year's session. We have plenty of work to do, and the divisions between our parties will take time to heal. I am convinced, however, that we in Wisconsin will come together as one great state once again.



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***Taylor Wins Prosecutor Pay Progression Bill Passage***

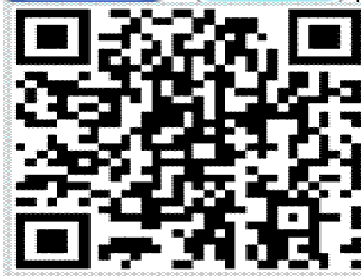
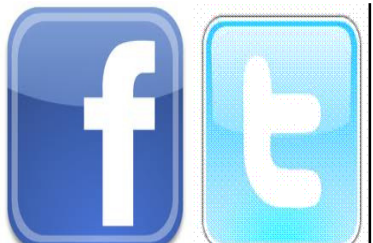
The Legislature passed a bipartisan pay progression plan for assistant district attorneys in Wisconsin. As a long champion for criminal justice reforms, I authored the bill in bipartisan fashion with Sen. Luther Olsen (R-Ripon) and Reps. Michelle Litjens (R-Oshkosh) and Jon Richards (D-Milwaukee). Pay progression is a tool used to retain experienced prosecutors through financial incentive to remain in the public sector rather than seeking employment in a private firm. Experienced prosecutors are in high demand in the Wisconsin justice system. When there is a lack of experience on the part of the prosecutors and coupled with shortage of prosecutors in this state, you have a justice system that makes critical mistakes and hampers justice. This new law will serve to keep the people we have trained working, end turnover, and improve the efficiency of the courts. The bill goes to the Governor for his signature in early April.

***Bipartisan Barbering Bills Passed, Sent to Governor***

Two bipartisan bills for the barbering industry are now headed to the Governor. I had sponsored the bill with Senator Glenn Grothman (R-West Bend), The bill allows barbers to take a separate track of training from cosmetologists. Barbers have long been subject to unnecessary training burdens for services they do not offer and can only be performed by cosmetologists. Also, the Assembly passed SB 522, which I authored with Representative Jeff Stone (R-Greendale). The bill prohibits the state from mandating the use of tuberculocidals in barbering institutions, which are an unnecessary financial burden on these businesses. I am happy that these bipartisan effort were passed at the end of session will help our local barbers in our community and around the state. Barbershops are breeding grounds for good fellowship and community. It is appropriate that bi-partisan cooperation should occur in support of these institutions.

**Contact Us! We Always Enjoy Hearing From You!**

“We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection.”  
- Abraham Lincoln



“The only reward of virtue is virtue, the only way to have a friend is to be one.” - Ralph Waldo Emerson