



COMMUNITY ALERT

Dealing with Depression

Join Dr. Benjamin Tobin for knowledge that could help you and your loved ones attain victory in the battle against depression.

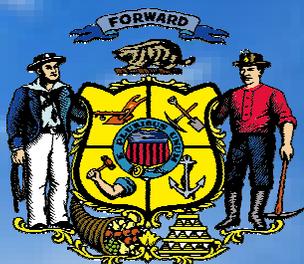
Saturdays April 14 - 28
10 am to 11 am

Greater New Birth Church
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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!



Support Women's Health in Congress!



This week I signed a statement with 35 of my fellow Wisconsin legislators supporting the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act, which unfortunately has been held up in the US Congress due to the partisan, ideological bickering. The Violence Against Women Act, then-Senator Joe Biden's signature legislation, helps fund crucial programs for women, including Child Advocacy Centers, Sexual Assault Prevention programs, Special Prosecution units, and other local violence prevention measures.

As much as any one who has balanced her own checkbook, I understand the need for fiscal responsibility. But are we about to let go of a law that does so much to protect women and children at their most vulnerable? Is this how we want to choose to balance our national checkbook, when wealthiest among us have been doing better than ever? I know that we are a better nation than that. I urge you to contact Senators Johnson and Kohl and reiterate our support for this bill. When women's voices are heard, they will have to listen.

Governor Walker Attacks Planned Parenthood



By signing Act 217 into law on April 20, Governor Walker signaled an aggressive attack on women's rights as part of a larger Republican War on Women. This bill was purposefully written in a vague manner to cause confusion

among doctors and women. Its supporters want to create fearful, not healthy, women. In the convoluted language of the law, Physicians now fear that they could actually face felony charges for providing abortion services! Planned Parenthood Wisconsin has therefore been forced to suspend medication abortion services. Medication-based abortion is performed in the first 9 weeks of pregnancy, and is a safe and effective method of terminating pregnancy. Act 217 requires that women have 3 appointments with a physician before undergoing an abortion; this places an unnecessary financial burden on women who are already faced with one of the most difficult decisions of their lives. I consider this bill to be a great assault on women's rights and on the physicians of this state. This bill will hurt maternal health in Wisconsin. It is utter madness.



HOPE NETWORK SCHOLARSHIP FOR SINGLE MOTHERS

APPLY TODAY!

HOPE Network is offering its Edmund Springman Educational Grants to single mothers who are pursuing a post-high school education. There will be \$1,000 scholarships awarded this year and the money can be used for tuition, day-care costs or both. Applicants must be HOPE Network members, and if they aren't they can submit membership applications online.

APPLY by APRIL 30th!
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Milwaukee Libraries to Boost Reading



I strongly support the Milwaukee Public Libraries' plan to run a reading program combating summer break "brain drain." Each summer, our brightest students take three months off of school and forget much of what they had learned the past year. Studies show that 50 to 60 percent of the achievement gap felt by children living in poverty results from summer "brain drain." The Milwaukee Public Library program will be called "Super Reader." It will be entirely free. Remember, students who read consistently outperform those who don't, so please take advantage of this free public program! Our children matter the world to us, and this is a fantastic opportunity for them. Please visit mpl.org for more information on the "Super Reader" program.

Congratulations to History Day Finalists

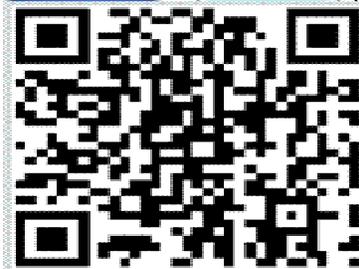
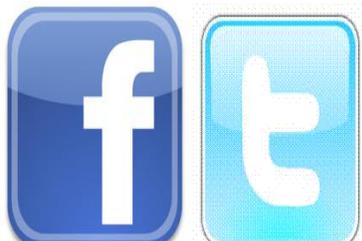


I am very proud of several students from my district who will be moving on from the National History Day regional competitions to the statewide competition at the Pyle Center on Saturday, May 5. These students researched and presented projects on specific instances of "Revolution, Reaction, Reform, in History." They are a great credit to the City of Milwaukee, and I know they will represent us well. I would like to personally congratulate these young men and women—Irene Leplae-Arthus, Leslie Zukrow, Zahra Farahbakhsh, and Steven Xiong—on their hard work and success. Good luck to you all!

Contact Us! We Always Enjoy Hearing From You!

"If we mean to have heroes, statesmen and philosophers, we should have learned women."

- Abigail Adams



"When women thrive, all of society benefits, and succeeding generations are given a better start in life."

- Kofi Annan