4TH SENATE DISTRICT

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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COMMUNITY ALERT

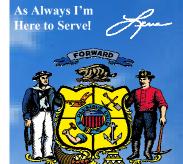
Wisconsin Beer Lovers Festival

This all-Wisconsin craft beer and tasting festival will feature unlimited beer and food samples from more than 30 breweries and a variety of local restaurants.

Saturday, July 16 Bayshore Town Center 5800 N. Bayshore Dr. Glendale WI 53217

Dear Friend,

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



Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett Wins Primary



Tom Barrett claimed a stunning victory in Tuesday's primary election. Barrett's victory means that the June recall election will be an opportunity for the citizens of Wisconsin to reevaluate their decision in the 2010 election, with the same two candidates on the ballot. In other words, the election will be re-match. The only difference will be that the voters now know the full extent of Scott Walker's combative, conservative fundamental-

ism. Barrett's victory marks the true start to only the third recall election in United States history, and the first in the history of the state of Wisconsin. Also running in that recall election will be Madison firefighter Mahlon Mitchell, who defeated two opponents in the primary election for Lieutenant Governor. Mitchell will face current Lieutenant Governor Rebecca Kleefisch in the recall election. The recall election is set for Tuesday, June 5th, and I strongly encourage all my constituents, friends and all the citizens of Wisconsin to mark their calendars. Let your voice be heard!

Pay to Spray Scandal At DNR

A company called Herr Environmental was recently found to have sprayed up to three times as much fertilizer on their crops as they had a permit to, endangering nearby drinking water wells. The fertilizer is associated with elevated nitrate levels, which can lead to a fatal condition known as blue baby syndrome. Unfortunately, Scott Gunderson, ex-



ecutive assistant to a Department of Natural Resources Secretary Cathy Stepp, decided to take action by giving Herr Environmental a tiny \$4000 ticket instead of handing over the case to the Department of Justice as he had been instructed to do. The DOJ would have sued Herr Environmental for hundreds of thousands of dollars. Of course, the owner of Herr has happened to have given Gunderson campaign donations in 2006 and 2008. Is this what we can expect from Walker appointees meant to carry out justice? My colleagues and I have called for an investigation. We cannot stand for this corruption.



JOIN MPL'S "SUPER **READER" SUMMER PROGRAM**

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Milwaukee Reinvestment Too Little, Too Late



Last week, Governor Walker put forward a \$100 million plan to invest in the City of Milwaukee. Though the plan has some positive aspects, I continue to question Governor Walker's sincere interest in assisting Milwaukee with its significant economic woes. Released 36 days before the election, the plan is

nothing more than a desperate attempt to persuade Milwaukeeans that Governor Walker cares. Until this plan's release, Walker has consistently worked against Milwaukee job creation. For example, Governor Walker hurt train-manufacturer Talgo by refusing a high-speed railroad grant. His priorities have never included Milwaukee's well-being. I believe we need a leader who has Milwaukee's best interests at heart at all times, and not just before an important election. You should ask yourself, do you agree?

Walker Inaction Threatens Family Care Funding

If the Walker Administration does not move to comply with federal regulations, Wisconsin may lose funding for our Family Care program. Family Care is a Medicaid program which keeps the elderly and disabled out of nursing homes. Along with five of my fellow Democratic legislators, I have sent the Republican co-chairs of the Joint Finance Committee a letter asking that we convene the Committee by the 13th in order to avoid the cuts, which the federal government has warned could go into affect if changes are not made. Please call your representatives! Our elderly need this program!

Contact Us! We Always Enjoy Hearing From You!

"The thought you have now shapes your experience of the next moment. Practice shaping the moment."

-Tom Barrett



"The wise ones fashioned speech with their thought, sifting it as grain is sifted through a sieve."

-Buddha