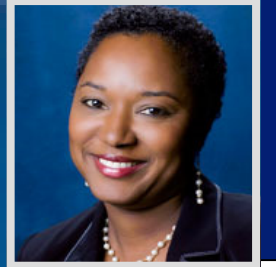


# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

STATE SENATOR LENA C. TAYLOR



### COMMUNITY ALERT

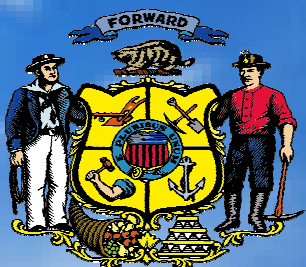
#### Join the Discussion

A life-saving discussion on substance abuse and HIV/AIDS. Sponsored by Comprehensive Health Education. Lunch will be served! 12 to 3 PM, Oct. 12 United Way Building 225 W. Vine St.

Dear Friend,

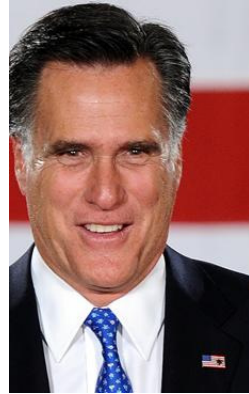
Thank you for reading the legislative update. I hope you find the information provided here useful.

As Always, I'm Here to Serve!



### Remember to Vote!

Speaking to my constituents over the last few weeks, I cannot help but feel inspired by the enthusiasm for voting on November 6th. As the Presidential and local elections come closer, I have been surprised by the conviction I have seen. That is to say, I have been pleasantly surprised! People seem to know how serious this election will end up being for the direction of the country.



This election will be a major turning point. Never in my life have I seen such efforts to keep inner-city people, especially black people, from voting. I frankly cannot believe to effort to suppress vulnerable, innocent voters. The ILLEGAL Voter ID laws in Wisconsin and Pennsylvania have failed—for now! But other groups like “True the Vote” still plan to visit inner-city polling places, hoping to threaten and intimidate innocent citizens attempting to exercise their most fundamental Constitutional right. We will NOT be intimidated. Voting remains our biggest chance to make a stand. We have a right, and we have a responsibility to stand up make our voices heard. I urge you to remember to vote this November 6th. You have a chance to be a part of history, and you should not let it pass you by.

### The Future of Affirmative Action?



A legal case before the Supreme Court could decide the future of affirmative action at the University of Wisconsin and other colleges across the nation. The case involves a white girl from Texas’ complaint against the University of Texas because she was not accepted into the University. Although the University does not even take race

or ethnicity into account for 80% of its applicants, their UT’s admissions program is still being challenged. As a strong supporter of greater educational opportunities for minorities and the underprivileged, I am deeply concerned with this case. I will keep you posted on the outcome!



### Senate Health Committee Hearing on LogistiCare

Over the last few months, members of the legislature have heard a disturbing number of calls regarding lackluster performance by the Medicaid transport company LogistiCare. This hearing will address those concerns.

Thurs Oct 18, 3pm  
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### **Reforms Needed for Police**

Representative Gary Bies (R-Sister Bay) and I plan to sponsor bi-partisan legislation re-forming Law Enforcement training throughout the state of Wisconsin. In light of the heartbreaking and needless death of the 22-year old Derek Williams last June, we knew that we simply had to act. Our bill will help ensure that police officers be given comprehensive and up-to date training on cultural differences, mental health issues, and health emergencies. I introduced similar legislations years ago, but it was blocked. I am confident that it will pass this time, and that it will make a difference, for the better, for the people of Milwaukee.



### **GOP Suppressing Votes?**



Reports surfaced this week of Wisconsin voter registration forms being sent out in the mail. This would not be a major issue, except that the registration forms have had incorrect mailing addresses printed on them. This means that some voters are sending out their voter registration forms to clerks in incorrect offices. Inevitably, this will mean that some registration forms won't be processed in time, so some voters will go to the polls thinking they have already registered. Only the GOP has sent these forms out. Despicable.

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

*"If American women would increase their voting turnout, we would see an end to all of the cuts in programs benefiting children."*

- Coretta  
Scott King



*"Those are the same stars, and that is the same moon, that look down upon your brothers and sisters".*

-Sojourner  
Truth