

### COMMUNITY ALERT

#### 2013 Black Business & Technology Conference

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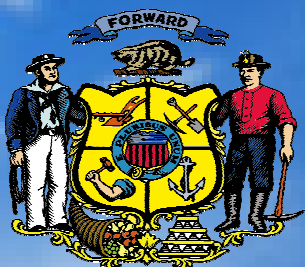
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Dear Friend,

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

As Always, I'm Here to Serve!



## Tax Delinquent Because You Are In A Coma?

Being in a coma should not make you a tax delinquent. It seems like common sense to most people. But under Wisconsin law, Toba Kramer of Shorewood (picture below) is a tax delinquent because she was in a coma. Working together with Rep. Jeff Stone and Sen. Jerry Petrowski, I created the Toba Kramer Medical Hardship Exemption Act, which allows local governments to recognize medical hardships as a basis for granting a one-time extension to pay property taxes. The bill is introduced as Assembly Bill 207. You can watch Toba Kramer's story at: [bit.ly/16Uc63z](http://bit.ly/16Uc63z). It is my hope that we can get the bill through the Legislature soon. I will be working with my legislative colleagues to get a hearing scheduled and votes lined up!



## Honoring Our Fallen Heroes On Memorial Day

This Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> we celebrate Memorial Day. Although we should give thanks to our veterans year round, Memorial Day is a special day in which we remember those that died to protect us and our freedoms. We have soldiers from every generation that have fought and died for our country across the centuries of our nation's existence. On Memorial Day we honor their memories and their sacrifice. How best do we honor them? We must not only be humble and thankful, but we must also remember to continue to improve upon the democracy that they died to protect. We are all stewards of democracy and it is our responsibility to promote and participate in that democracy. Ultimately, the continuation of our democratic government is the only way to ensure that those who have fallen will never be forgotten.





**FOR MEMORIAL DAY**

*Flanders Fields – 1915*

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on  
row,  
That mark our place; and in the  
sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset  
glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now  
we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it  
high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies  
grow  
In Flanders fields.

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***Rent-To-Own & Credit Union Changes Discussed***

This week the Joint Committee on Finance continued its work on the state budget. Outside of official committee action, there has been growing grassroots opposition to two provisions. GOP Sens. Mike Ellis & Rob Cowles joined Senator Grothman and I to oppose the Rent To Own changes and call for their removal from the budget. I also announced my opposition to a proposal to eliminate the Independent Credit Union Regulator. This proposal could be possibly added into the budget. Both of these provisions are contrary to the best interests of citizens and the public good in Wisconsin.

***Citizen's Guide to Participation in the Legislature***

The Joint Legislative Council has made a new on-line resource for the public called a Citizen's Guide to



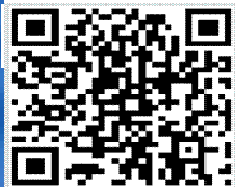
Participation in the Wisconsin State Legislature. It has helpful tips on being informed about the affairs of government, communicating with elected representatives, and testifying at hearings of legislative committees. You can find this handy resource as a link on my site at [www.senatortaylor.com](http://www.senatortaylor.com) or at [www.legis.wisconsin.gov/Pages/CG/cgcover.aspx](http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov/Pages/CG/cgcover.aspx).

***Wise Words of the Week!***

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**Hearing**  
**From You!**

Guard against the impostures of pretended patriotism.

*President George Washington*



War is a contagion.

*President Franklin D. Roosevelt*

