

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

STATE SENATOR LENA C. TAYLOR



COMMUNITY ALERT

Grover Heights – Williamsburg Triangle Neighbor- hood Meeting

Monday, Sept 16th
6pm—730pm

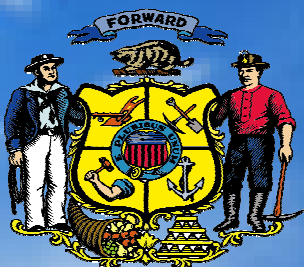
Grace Fellowship,
3879 N. Port Washing-
ton Ave

Discussing the
Affordable Care Act

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!



DRAW VOTING MAPS FAIRLY FOR ALL PEOPLE!

In 2011, partisan Republicans devised a redistricting plan for Wisconsin that was developed in secret as a means to disenfranchise Democrats and ensure Republican majority rule for the next ten years. According to the political watchdogs at Common Cause, the new redistricting map resulted in limiting the number of competitive legislative districts to one out of 33 Senate seats and only 14 of the 99 Assembly districts. The partisan redistricting plan has also had the effect of minimizing the influence and voice of the African American community in Wisconsin.

While minor adjustments were made to alleviate the concerns of the Latino community, the GOP redistricting plan reduced the number of African American legislators from eight to five, the fewest number since the election of 1988.



That is why I have co-authored Senate Bill 163, which would create a non-partisan redistricting process. Senate Bill 163 would direct the non-partisan Legislative Reference Bureau to develop district maps that are equal in population, meet the requirements in the Voting Rights Act, are compact in size and strictly non-partisan. The bill states that “no district may be drawn for the purpose of favoring a political party, incumbent legislator or member of Congress, or other person or group...for the purpose of augmenting or diluting the voting strength of a language or racial minority group.” Creating a non-partisan process for drawing legislative district boundaries is a step in the right direction. We expect and deserve a redistricting process that is open to the public, transparent and non-partisan to make Wisconsin a place where every voice is heard and every vote counts!



Community Forum on Gun Violence

Tuesday, Sept. 17th
5:00-7:00PM

Wisconsin Black Historical Society
2620 W Center St
Milwaukee

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LEGISLATURE'S FALL SESSION UNDERWAY

This coming Tuesday, the 17th, marks the return of the Legislature to work on bills and issues that have laid dormant over the summer recess. The Assembly will not meet in September but the Senate will be on the floor on the 17th. While there will likely be some controversial bills pushed, I am happy to report many of the bills I have worked in bipartisan fashion will be on the floor. You can always follow our work at www.wiseye.org



UNDERAGE DRINKING BILL HAS MAJOR PROBLEM

AB 61 is a bill which creates a private cause of action against a person who is drinking underage and their parents and relieves a tavern keeper and liquor stores from responsibility for these violations of the law. The new legal proceeding would be held in the already

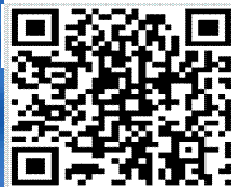


overburdened small claims court. While tavern owners love this new possibility, we need to focus on education and enforcement of current laws over new penalties and punishments. There are better ways to attack underage drinking.

Wise Words of the Week!

Contact Us! *"You cannot be a leader, and ask other people to follow you, unless you know how to follow, too."*
We Enjoy Hearing From You!

— Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House



"If you're going to play the game properly, you'd better know every rule."

— Congresswoman Barbara Jordan

