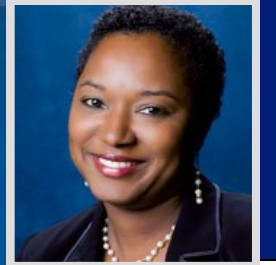


LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

STATE SENATOR LENA C. TAYLOR



COMMUNITY ALERT

Driver's Ed

Need a license? Lost your license? Driver's Ed can help get you back on the road!

Jan 28 –30 11am-2:30 PM

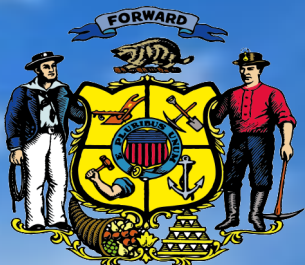
MLK Center
1531 W. Vliet Street

Questions? Please call:
414 344-5788 ext 23

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!



LEGISLATION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Senate Bill 449 was recommended for passage unanimously this week in committee. SB 449 allows the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) to transfer tax credits, helping small businesses grow through tax incentives. Meanwhile, Senate Bill 385 will be voted on in an executive session next week, after receiving bipartisan praise in the committee hearing Thursday. SB 385 would make alterations to the governing law of the WEDC, increasing the organization's overall transparency and accountability. SB 385 requires the WEDC's board to choose it's own Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Chief Financial Officer (CFO), where it has previously been required by the governor to appoint these individuals. The bipartisan support of these bills and their sound economic policies is beneficial for Wisconsin's business sector. I am proud to be a coauthor and co-sponsor of these bill that are a sure win for Wisconsin.

REINVESTING IN WISCONSIN

On Thursday, new revenue numbers were released revealing that Wisconsin has a budget surplus of over \$800 million dollars. I believe that this money should be used to rebuild the state of Wisconsin. With many Wisconsin citizens living in poverty, without jobs, and without healthcare, why are we looking to provide tax breaks for the well off before serving the least among us? In addition to the thousands lacking healthcare, Governor Walker and the GOP have slashed education funding. Now that we have a substantial surplus available, some of that money can and should be used to meet the needs of our states citizens. Furthermore, Wisconsin continues to rank low on job creation- why not use some of this money to stimulate our economy and increase job growth. The Governor and my Republican colleagues need to put the concerns of citizens before their concerns about upcoming elections.



Blanketing Greater Milwaukee

From January 20 to 31 the Milwaukee Area Labor Council and United Way are collecting new and gently used blankets for homeless shelters and community agencies

Drop off locations:

Milwaukee Area Labor Council: 633 South Hawley Road, Suite 110

United Way of Greater Milwaukee: 225 West Vine Street

ANY City of Milwaukee Firehouse

Questions: Call (414) 771 7070

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GREAT NEWS FOR GROWING POWER

Growing Power is a small, urban, Milwaukee-based farm, and recently sold 40,000 pounds of fresh produce to public school systems. According to the USDA, this is the largest ever farm-to-school fresh food procurement in United States History! 10,000 pounds of these tasty vegies went to Wisconsin Public School Districts. This achievement represents only the beginning for Growing Power, as they look for further ways to provide children with fresh, healthy vegetables. This farm believes - and I agree - that regionally grown, fresh produce is beneficial to the health and education of our children. Congratulations, Growing Power, and keep up the great work!

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

January 20th is annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day. One of the greatest civil rights leaders in United States history, Dr. King dreamt of—and helped to create—a better, more equal United States. This month, we remember and honor Dr. King’s dream of freedom and justice for all Americans—no matter their race, gender, or background. While honoring this legacy, we must also recognize that the fight for equality is not over. We must continue to champion Dr. King’s dream in order to create the nation that he envisioned.

Wise Words of the Week!

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



“I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.”

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

“Let the efforts of us all prove that Martin Luther King Jr. was not a mere dreamer when he spoke of the beauty of genuine brotherhood and peace as being more precious than diamonds, silver, or gold.”

- Nelson Mandela