



COMMUNITY ALERT

Help to protect, defend and gain civil rights for all!

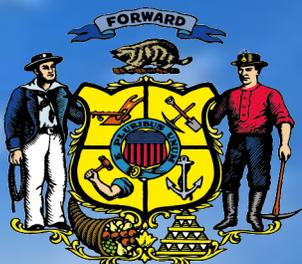
Register today for the Rainbow PUSH Coalition 43rd Annual International Convention!

June 28—July 2
Chicago, IL

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!



REVITALIZING MILWAUKEE MANUFACTURING

MILWAUKEE 7 On Wednesday, the Milwaukee 7 Region was designated a Manufacturing Community by the U.S. Commerce Department as part of their Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (IMCP). Milwaukee 7 is one of 12 communities selected out of 70 applicants, shedding light on the transformative work they have done in growing our economy and creating jobs. The designation will help to revitalize and strengthen manufacturing in Milwaukee and southeastern Wisconsin by allowing consideration for up to \$1.3 billion in federal grant money. This honor is well earned by the Milwaukee 7 for their continued efforts to grow manufacturing in Wisconsin.

HIGHER ED, LOWER DEBT

Democrats throughout Wisconsin and the nation are united in their concern with the growing debt that college graduates are facing. Tuition costs have doubled over the past 12 years, leaving graduating students with an average of \$22,400 in debt that takes on average just under 20 years to pay off. Dems at both the state and federal level have a plan to combat this crisis—including the Higher Ed Lower Debt Bill, a smart plan which I cosponsored that allows borrowers to refinance their loans, deduct loan payments from taxes, and receive loan counseling. I have heard from many of my constituents the stories of how they are unable to buy a house or start a family because of the crippling debt that continues to follow them. Since a college education is a smart investment for both the student and the economy, we should be rewarding our grads rather than shackling them to loans! It's our duty to ensure that every student has the opportunity to pursue their American dream.



A CASE FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS

Last summer, Governor Walker and fellow Republicans pushed through a law requiring doctors who perform abortions to have admitting privileges at a hospital within 30 miles of their clinic. Prior District and Circuit Court decisions have blocked these requirements, but the constitutionality is once again on trial. If these restrictions pass, clinics in Appleton and Milwaukee will be forced to close. The medical reasoning for admitting privileges is insufficient. Abortions should be treated like all other medical procedures. On Thursday, experts will consider the case and it will come to a close at the end of the week.



Save the Date!

15th Annual "Men Who Cook" & the 5th Annual "Dads Who Cook!"

Saturday, September 13, 2014
11:00am - 5:00pm
The Parklawn YMCA
4340 N. 46th Street

For more information, and to register: <http://www.menwhocookwi.com/>

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(continued from page 1) If appealed, this case could be determined in the U.S. Supreme Court. If the court does not rule in favor Planned Parenthood, Milwaukee women and families will continue to be negatively affected by the closing of these clinics.

CELEBRATING SMALL BUSINESS

This year's Milwaukee Small Business Week is about celebrating professional development and recognizing the contributions of small businesses to our country's economic well-being. In 1963, National Small Business Week was established to recognize small businesses across the nation, and during the week of June 2-6, Milwaukee will do the same. It is also a time for small business owners to take advantage of the resources that are available for them to grow their business, like MMSD's "Business Development Program" or grants and loans available through the African American Chamber of Commerce. If you have questions about these resources—please do not hesitate to contact my office!



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PHENOMENAL WOMAN



This past Wednesday one of our nation's most treasured women passed away. Maya Angelou has been an inspiration to her fellow Americans for decades. From the publication of her first book in 1969 to her countless appearances throughout the years, her presence and insights have touched many. Her unique voice shed light on the struggle of the black community and women in a revolutionary way. Angelou's use of her own distinctive experience greatly demonstrated her dedication to her work and her desire to "tell the human truth." Her poems and stories lifted spirits, opened doors, and inspired generations of women and men to be themselves and pursue their dreams. Through her influential body of work and powerful words, we can be sure that her legacy will live on. In remembering her spirit, we can all aspire to live a life as dynamic and heartfelt as hers.

Wise Words of the Week!

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

"Nothing can dim the light which shines from within."

"Cause I'm a woman
Phenomenally.
Phenomenal woman,
That's me."

- *Maya Angelou*

