



COMMUNITY ALERT

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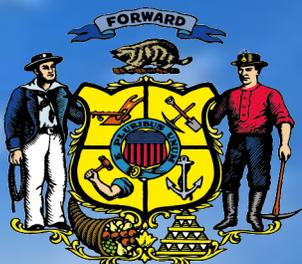
Register today for the Rainbow PUSH Coalition 43rd Annual International Convention!

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!



Infant Mortality



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In 2010, the city of Milwaukee accounted for 15% of births, 25% of infant deaths, and 20% off all stillbirths in Wisconsin. The City of Milwaukee Health Department has made lowering the infant mortality rate as one of their primary goals. Milwaukee faces huge racial disparities when tackling the issue infant mortality. In 2011, the infant mortality rate for blacks in Milwaukee was 14 infant deaths per 1,000 live births. That's nearly three times the mortality rate of births among whites in Milwaukee. Stillbirths and infant deaths are a complex issue without a single solution; however, by increasing access and quality of health services, encouraging healthy behaviors, educating families, and working to reduce social and economic determinants of health we can prevent infant deaths in our community. Despite their prevalence, most infant deaths are preventable. To see these numbers go down, we must work together to guarantee that our babies are born alive and healthy and that all children in Milwaukee will live to celebrate their first birthday.

EPA Launches Sweeping Reforms

On June 2nd, President Obama and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed a new plan that aims to cut carbon pollution largely from coal fueled power plants, the nation's leading source of greenhouse gas emissions. The plan relies heavily on the cooperation of the states and their lawmakers, as each state will be responsible for the direction in which their state aims to reduce carbon emissions. The plan aims to cut emissions by 30% from 2005 levels by 2030. Currently, the United States is second only to China in their carbon emissions from energy consumption and produces more emissions than the entirety of Europe. Wisconsin has already begun to take steps in decreasing our role in this by reducing the state's carbon emissions by 25% since 2005 nonetheless, we are still a middle ground state that relies on getting about 40-60% of our energy generated from coal.



credit: urbanmilwaukee.com



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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BRIEF ON POVERTY IN WISCONSIN



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Source: <http://www.irp.wisc.edu>

On Tuesday, my staff had the opportunity to attend a briefing on poverty in Wisconsin, presented by the UW Institute for Research on Poverty. While the presentation illustrated that poverty rates in Wisconsin are finally beginning to decline, it emphasized the need to continue actively working towards the elimination of poverty. Our safety net is working, but poverty still exists, and it is still a major problem – especially in Milwaukee County, where poverty rates range from 8% to 42%. Central Milwaukee City exhibits the highest rates of poverty within the county, at an astounding 41.6%. The real long-term solution to poverty is better employment opportunities and a real, living wage. It's important that we continue to strengthen both the safety net and employment rates, as both are imperative in the fight against poverty. In doing so, we can begin to enable the climb towards upward social and economic mobility. We can win this battle, but only if we keep fighting.

CANDIDATE LIST RELEASED

The Government Accountability Board (GAB) released the list of candidates for the upcoming fall primary on August 12th and general election on November 4th. Now is the time to familiarize yourself with the candidates so you can make an informed decision at the polls. To see the full list of candidates for all of the elections statewide, visit

gab.wi.gov/elections-voting/2014/fall. This is a great resource that will help you stay updated about the future leaders of our state and country. To find out everything election-related, go to myvote.wi.gov. The future of our community is in your hands, so I hope to see you at the polls!



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Wise Words of the Week!

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

"Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting."

- *President Franklin D. Roosevelt*



"The ultimate test of man's conscience may be his willingness to sacrifice something today for future generations whose words of thanks will not be heard."

- *Governor Gaylord Nelson*