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**FELZKOWSKI FLYER**



**WISCONSIN'S 12TH SENATE DISTRICT**

## **LOWERING PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS**

**PBM BILL GOES TO GOVERNOR**

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This week, the State Assembly passed my Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) bill. Like I mentioned two weeks ago, PBMs are businesses that administer and manage prescription drug benefits. Because of the contracts they negotiate with manufacturers, health plans, and pharmacies, PBMs play a crucial role in the prescription drug supply chain, including influencing pricing and drug selection. Despite this role, some PBM practices actually make it more difficult for patients to get the medications they need at a reasonable price, and inflict undue harm on pharmacies, which in turn also negatively affects patients.

In the United States, close to 95% of Americans have plans managed by PBMs. Despite managing plans funded by taxpayer dollars, there are currently almost no guidelines for PBMs at the state level. This legislation will put necessary parameters in place that ultimately best serve the patient.

The bill passed unanimously on the Assembly Floor and Governor Evers is expected to sign it into law!

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# FRIEND OF HOUSING AWARD

Last week the Wisconsin Builders Association recognized me as a 2020 Friend of Housing for continuing to support policies that reduce the cost of housing in Wisconsin.

The Wisconsin Builders Association represents 4,000 home building industry members and advocates on their behalf to improve laws and regulations that keep housing affordable for Wisconsin families.

Since 1947, when they were established as an organization, they've grown to 21 local associations that are dedicated to helping members build communities and assisting the families that are buying these homes to achieve the American Dream.

I'm proud to receive this recognition and I will continue to support home builders and the families that buy them!

# FIRST ROUND OF LISTENING SESSIONS

We've got listening sessions coming up!

I will be holding 12 listening sessions throughout the 12th Senate District over the next couple weeks.

Last week I sent information on the first four listening sessions to the newspapers and the radio stations. I also posted them to my [Facebook Page](#) and on my [Legislative Website](#). This is a friendly reminder that we will be in the following locations on Friday:

- 9AM in Tomahawk
- 11:15AM in Rhinelander
- 1:45PM in Hazelhurst
- 4PM in Eagle River

Details for these hearings are below. More details will be shared on future listening sessions as we solidify dates and times.



## FIRST 4 OF 12 LISTENING SESSIONS MARCH 19, 2021

9AM in Tomahawk  
Tomahawk VFW Post 2687  
203 S 4th St  
Tomahawk, WI 54487

11:15AM in Rhinelander  
Rhinelander Town Hall  
135 S Stevens St  
Rhinelander, WI 54501

1:45PM in Hazelhurst  
Hazelhurst Community Center  
7020 Hwy 51  
Hazelhurst, WI 54531

4PM in Eagle River  
Eagle River VFW Post 8637  
418 W Pine St  
Eagle River, WI 54521

**REP SWEARINGEN AND REP CALLAHAN  
WILL JOIN ME IN THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS**

## THREE MORE ELECTION REFORM BILLS INTRODUCED

This week, the Committee on Insurance, Licensing, and Forestry held a Public Hearing on the following appointments and bills:

**Charity Fazel:** Of Waunakee, as a Cosmetologist on the Cosmetology Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2024.

**Lindsey Marsh:** Of Belleville, as a Marriage and Family Therapist on the Marriage and Family Therapy Professional Counseling and Social Work Examining Board, to serve for the term ending July 1, 2024.

**Dawn Crim:** Of Fitchburg, as Secretary of the Department of Safety and Professional Services, to serve for the term ending at the pleasure of the Governor.

**SB168:** Temporary practice by physicians at camps, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures, and granting rule-making authority.

**SB169:** Temporary practice by registered nurses at camps, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures, and granting rule-making authority.

**SB171:** Inspections of recreational and educational camps.

**SB103:** Reimbursement of wheelchairs and power mobility devices for recipients of Medical Assistance who reside in a nursing home.

**SB114:** Waiving the Foundations of Reading test licensure requirement during a national health emergency declared in response to COVID-19.

**SB181:** Licensure of dental therapists; extending the time limit for emergency rule procedures; providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures; providing an exemption from rule-making procedures; and granting rule-making authority.

## HAPPY ST. PATRICKS DAY!

