

Working for the 28th District

Dredging

For years I have worked with my fellow legislators and the DNR to ease the process for small scale dredging projects like those along the Fox River Waterway. With the adoption of my reform legislation, the DNR is currently creating an easy-to-get permit for homeowners and lake associations. Riparian owners of the 28th Senate District and around the state will soon have an easier time dredging to better utilize and enjoy our great natural water resources for boating, kayaking, fishing, hunting and other water-related recreational activities.

MMSD

The new law I authored strikes a balance for area communities like New Berlin and Muskego affiliated with the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) and the Public Service

Commission (PSC). The bill enacts a fairer process to contest rates and empowers consumers and the communities of the 28th Senate District which contract with MMSD.



Drainage District

This session, I worked to pass reforms empowering local drainage districts and municipalities to streamline their water management practices and remove state government permit requirements for drainage districts seeking to maintain their ditches. This reform will help our agriculture community and waterways, while protecting our natural resources.

High-Wide Route

My legislation was signed into law which will provide more reliable access to the Port of Milwaukee for our manufacturers by ensuring this important route remains open and free from obstruction by a patchwork of local regulations.

Welfare Reform

Due to GOP-led efforts, Wisconsin once again leads the way in welfare reform policy aiming to break the cycle of poverty by empowering all able-bodied adults to find and maintain gainful employment on the path to self-sufficiency. A person's ability to work and earn a paycheck is an important component of self-

worth and makes for not only a healthy and stable family, but also a stable economy and society as a whole. With unemployment at historic lows and thousands of job openings available, providing the unemployed and underemployed a pathway from dependence to self-reliance will not only help our state's economy, but will provide opportunity for individuals and families to transition to the workforce and away from government programs.

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Senator Craig's Toll-Free Number	800-334-1442

2018 Wisconsin Hunting Seasons

DEER
Archery & Crossbow: Sept. 15-Jan. 6, 2019
Youth Deer Hunt: Oct. 6 & 7
Gun Nov. 17-25
GAME BIRDS
Pheasant (Statewide): Oct. 20-Jan. 6, 2019
RUFFED GROUSE
Zone A: Sept. 15-Jan. 31, 2019
Zone B: Oct. 20-Dec. 8
FALL TURKEY
Zones 1-5: Sept. 15-Jan. 6, 2019
Zones 6 & 7: Sept. 15-Nov. 16
DUCK SEASON
Youth: Sept. 15 & 16
Northern Zone: Sept. 29-Nov. 27
Southern Zone: Sept. 29-Oct. 7 & Oct. 13-Dec. 2
Mississippi Zone: Sept. 29-Oct. 5 & Oct. 13-Dec. 4

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- Committee on Government Operations, Technology and Consumer Protection (Vice-Chairman)
- Committee on Public Benefits, Licensing and State-Federal Relations
- Joint Survey Committee on Retirement Systems

DAVID CRAIG
STATE SENATOR

Dear Friend,

It is a privilege to serve as your state senator. It has been a productive year in the legislature with the passage of many new reforms focused on reducing the size and scope of government, creating jobs, furthering economic growth, and protecting our Constitutional rights.

One of my jobs as your State Senator is to protect and expand our liberties and economic freedom. I believe that Wisconsin, under the leadership of Governor Walker and the action of the legislature, is continuing on the path of economic freedom and prosperity. Reforms like Act 10, prevailing wage repeal, and major tax cuts have saved taxpayers over \$8 Billion since 2011 - that means more of your hard-earned money stays in your pocket. I look forward to further advancing the cause of fiscal responsibility in the state of Wisconsin.

Please know that I strive to represent your views in Madison. I appreciate the many constituents who have taken the time over the past year to contact me to share their views on current legislation and issues directly affecting those in the 28th Senate District. I look forward continuing to serve you as your senator as we work together to advance our state's bright future.

Sincerely,

David Craig
State Senator
28th Senate District

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SENATOR DAVID CRAIG – 28TH DISTRICT

Legislative Update

Fundamental Government Reforms

Zero-Based Budgeting

The current state budget process uses “Madison math” to grow state agencies’ budget automatically every two years. Additionally, agencies are not forced to disclose the full contents of their base spending from year to year. Under the new Zero-based Budgeting Law which I authored, agencies will now be required to disclose all spending - every dollar - and justify this spending to the legislature during budget time. This will fundamentally alter the way that legislators are able to scrutinize the budget and should result in better budgets and lower spending. Zero-based budgeting puts taxpayers, through their representatives, back in the driver’s seat.

Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform

An important reform protecting our constitutional rights passed this session to fix Wisconsin’s broken civil asset forfeiture law. The new law requires a conviction before the government permanently forfeits an individual’s property. My legislation fixing this abusive, constitutionally-suspect practice will ensure that only adjudicated, guilty persons can have their property forfeited - ensuring due process protections under the US Constitution. Wisconsin’s new forfeiture processes balances individual civil liberties while allowing tools to law enforcement to fight crime within the framework of the Bill of Rights.

Pro-Life

Protecting the Unborn and Taxpayers

The bill I authored ending taxpayer-funded abortion coverage for state employees was signed into law this session. While we have more work to do to guard the sanctity of life, this was an important step towards protecting our most vulnerable and defending the conscience of taxpayers. I am glad Wisconsin can now say, we no longer fund abortions with your tax dollars!

right balance in law to allow for life-saving stem cell research without using tissues gained from aborted babies. This important pro-life measure unfortunately met sharp resistance from the medical community and did not pass this session. However, there will be a renewed efforts to pass these bills next session. The vast majority of the scientific community has been moving away from fetal stem cells over the past decade because adult stem cells are providing more promising results. This further limits the need for any fetal tissue, much less those derived from abortions. Getting these life-saving bills signed into law remains a top priority.

Heal Without Harm

The “Heal Without Harm” bills introduced this session strike the



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Protecting the Bill of Rights



Right to Carry

This session, I introduced “Right to Carry” legislation which would allow law abiding citizens to carry a concealed weapon without a permit. American citizens are endowed with the right to protect themselves and their families against those who would do them harm. Government should not make the exercise of that right any more difficult through permits or illogical regulations. Although the legislation did not pass, fixing our poorly written laws, and allowing parents and grandparents to pick up students in a school zone without risking felony charges remains a top priority.

Property Rights

I worked with my colleagues to pass the “Homeowners’ Bill of Rights” - a package of bills which included numerous protections for homeowners, **including my legislation affirming the right of property owners to deny property tax assessors entry into their home without being penalized.** This strengthens property rights for homeowners and restores rights eroded by government.

Jobs & the Economy

Foxconn

The transformational Foxconn project is moving ahead and is already having a positive impact on the state and local economies. Foxconn has committed to creating up to 13,000 jobs and investing \$10 billion in Wisconsin – this will be one of the largest manufacturing facilities in U.S. history and the largest single job-creation project in Wisconsin history. This is a truly revolutionary opportunity for the 28th Senate District, southeast Wisconsin, and the entire State with several businesses of the 28th Senate District receiving contracts to work on the site.

Apprenticeships Open Up Opportunity

This session I supported reforms allowing one-to-one apprentice ratios on work sites and allowing high school seniors to take part in apprenticeship programs. These reforms will make apprenticeships easier to obtain, improving access to skilled labor jobs, and encouraging students to pursue highly-paid skilled trades as an alternative to a four-year college degree. These skilled manufacturing trade jobs are in high demand and will satisfy a need for job creators in our area.

Government Spending

Federal Balanced Budget Amendment

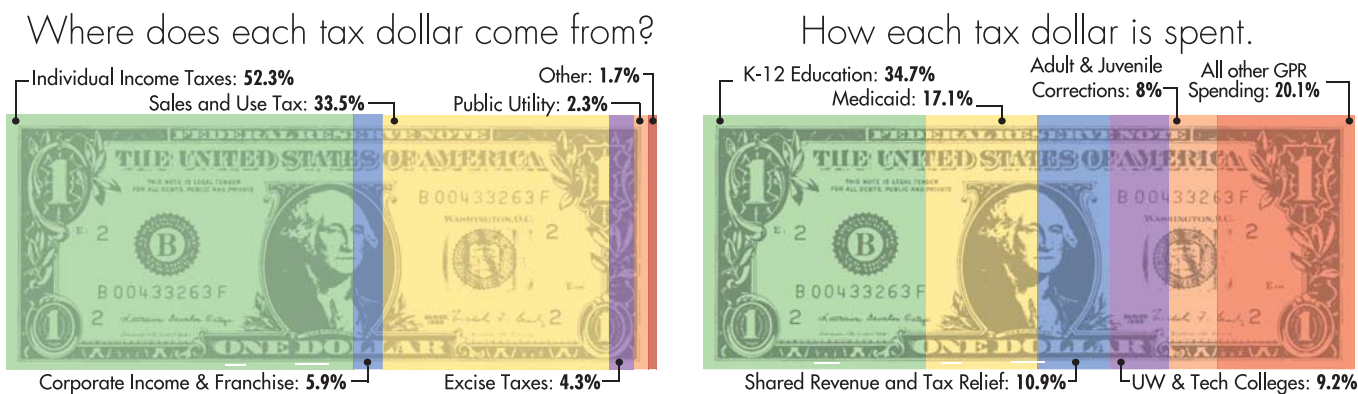
The national debt is over \$21 Trillion and rising. This out-of-control spending by the federal government must be reined in with a balanced budgets law. Wisconsin joined 27 other states by passing a resolution for an Article V convention to force congress to consider a Balanced Budget Amendment. Currently, 49 states require a balanced state budget and it is time the federal government adopt this common sense measure. Our Founders explicitly authorized states to exert this authority

and after many years of hard work, Wisconsin has joined the call to force fiscal responsibility in Washington, D.C.

Budget NO Vote

I voted NO on the 2017-19 state budget because of concerns over major increases in spending. While the budget contains positive provisions like finally repealing our prevailing wage law and reducing the personal property tax - reforms I have long supported - with an almost 4% increase in spending, it failed in its primary function – to appropriately limit the size, and thus the role of government in our lives.

2017-19 Wisconsin Budget



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Wisconsin Is Open For Business

The Wisconsin Economy is Roaring!

- Unemployment at historic low of 2.8%
- Labor participation rate near 70%
- More people working than ever before in our state's history
- Average wages are growing
- Almost 100,000 jobs available on WI Job Center
- Foxconn bringing high-paying careers, supply chain boom

Education

School Safety a Priority

All children should be protected and feel safe at school. I supported a new law which enhanced school safety policies and created \$100 million in grants. The law creates an Office of School Safety to work with law enforcement and schools to establish improved school safety plans and require mandatory reporting of threats of violence. I will continue to fight for safer schools for all students.

Student Financial Literacy

I co-authored a new law to ensure all students in public schools be exposed to financial literacy principles to prepare them for the all the financial decisions that lie ahead. Financial responsibility, whether an individual, a family, a business or even the government, is crucial for a stable economy and the future of our state.

School Choice Expanded

I will continue to support the expansion of school choice. A family's background, financial situation, or values should not bar them from sending their children to the school of their choosing.

Expanding Edvest (529 Accounts)

I also co-authored legislation expanding tax deductibility for private or parochial school tuition. This policy will further empower parents to decide what education option is best for their children.

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Free Market Healthcare Solutions

As ObamaCare has demonstrated through rising costs and diminished choices, more government is not the answer to the challenges facing our healthcare system. Government central planning got us into this mess and we need to unleash the free market to pull us out.

Direct Primary Care

This session, I co-authored legislation to allow more access between a patient and their doctor without having to get costly health insurance. The direct primary care model is one in which consumers contract directly with primary care doctors for routine health care. This means drastically lower costs and better service. This is a necessary free-market step towards solving the healthcare crisis created by ObamaCare.

Association Health Plans

While this legislation did not pass, I will continue to support allowing small businesses to band together to create tailor-made health plans that can deliver more efficient, cost-effective options. This reform would allow for dramatic cost savings for employers and expanded access for their employees – pulling people out of the mire of ObamaCare “healthcare” exchanges.



Transportation

Transportation Reform

I have consistently heard from constituents about problems at the Department of Transportation (DOT). This session, an audit was completed of the state highway program at DOT which confirmed what many of us suspected - rampant cost-overruns, failure to follow state law, inability to stay within their budget along with other troubling practices. In response, my colleagues and I put together a transportation reform package which would fundamentally reform the way that DOT operates. Some of these

reforms were adopted into the state budget, however several key cost-saving best practices remain unchanged. I will continue to work to advance policies for better contracting, better efficiency, and better oversight at this important state agency.

Roundabouts

This session I reintroduced my legislation requiring local approval of roundabouts. I will continue to advocate for this common-sense, good government reform next session.