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Dear Neighbor,

I need your help. As your Representative in Madison I need to know how you think about many of the issues before the State Legislature.

I am sending you and the other voters of the 12th District this questionnaire seeking your opinions on some of the important issues that I must vote on this year. Please check the alternative answer that most closely reflects your viewpoint on that issue.

If you wish to explain your feelings in more detail on these or any other issues before the legislature, please send me a separate letter to my office in the capitol or fold it in your response to the questionnaire.

To save the cost of printing an envelope, your name and address is on the questionnaire. If you wish to remain anonymous, please use a black marker and cross them out.

I hope to do the best job as your state legislator. Thank you for your assistance in allowing me to better understand your views and the opinions of the residents of the 12th Assembly District.

Yours sincerely,

Frederick P. Kessler

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If more than one member of your household responds, please use different colored inks.

Affirmative Action

A Constitutional Amendment has been proposed that would prohibit affirmative action from being considered in the student admission policies at the University of Wisconsin System. Which of the following most closely reflects your opinion?

- Grade point and test scores are not the only criteria that should be used in admission decisions. Student leadership qualities, non-academic achievement, racial and economic diversity in personal background, and other leadership qualities should be considered.
- Diversity and other non-academic factors should not be considered. Admission decisions should be based on academic criteria only.

Health Care

The Legislature is considering four alternative health care plans. They all provide different funding and levels of coverage. Which of the following summaries most closely reflects your opinion?

- A plan that substantially provides complete coverage eliminating premiums or co-pays. It would be paid by increased taxes paid by employers and the general public.
- A plan covering all employees and their dependents through an existing insurance company or companies. It would be paid for by employer fees from a new standard plan. Self-employed, unemployed and retirees could buy coverage for fees that would have to be determined. The plan would have co-pays and deductibles. Treatment outside the primary care providers would be paid by the individual. It would reduce administrative costs by standardizing and limiting plans.
- A plan providing coverage for all residents under 65, with BadgerCare and Medicaid phased in at a future time. It would be paid for by 2% of social security wages on employees and a 3% tax on employers for income under \$50,000 and 12% on income over \$500,000. Deductibles range from \$500 for children, \$2,000 for single adults and \$3,000 for families. It would be administered by private insurance companies selected by the participants from a list approved by the state.
- Health Savings Accounts would be set up to allow individuals to contribute up to 6.5% of their income. They would continue to purchase their own insurance plans. Contributions would be exempt from federal income taxes. Individuals would pay their co-pays, deductibles, and premiums from this account. This option does not mandate an increase in coverage.

Employment

Legislation has been proposed to allow employers to disregard employment non-discrimination laws and refuse to hire any person who was convicted of a violent crime or sex offense. Which of the following most closely reflects your opinion?

- If an individual has paid his or her debt to society they should be given an additional opportunity and not be stopped from securing employment.
- Workplaces should be safe. Other employees should not be forced to work next to workers with prior convictions for sex offenses or violent crimes.

Juvenile Justice

Several years ago the maximum age for children's court jurisdiction was reduced from 18 to 17. Serious crimes could continue to be heard in adult courts. Proposals are now being considered to return the age to 18. Which of the following most closely reflects your views?

- Immaturity and lack of good judgment by a child is more likely to occur the younger the age of the offender. Treatment in a juvenile facility will likely rehabilitate the offenders and reduce the chance they will commit another offense.
- The community must be protected from youthful criminals. Sentences to adult prisons and jails will more likely deter future criminal activity.

Abortion

Abortion has been a controversial issue for several decades. Periodically legislation has been introduced to place restrictions on when an abortion can be performed. Which of the following most closely reflects your opinion?

- Abortion should never be allowed.
- Abortion should be allowed only if the life of the mother is in jeopardy.
- Abortion should be allowed if the life or health of the mother is in jeopardy.
- The decision for abortion should be made by the mother and her doctor without interference by the state.

Concealed Weapons

In the past legislative session proposals to allow citizens to go armed in public with concealed weapons were offered. Which of the following most closely reflects your opinion?

- The constitution guarantees the right of citizens to arm themselves. A concealed carry law would allow citizens to carry guns to protect themselves.
- Gun violence is already a serious problem in the state. Allowing people to carry concealed weapons only increases the likelihood of more gun deaths and injury.

School Choice

For the past several years Wisconsin has provided state aid for lower income students to attend "school choice" schools. The money for this program is taken from the public school funds. Which of the following most closely reflects your views?

- Public schools are not adequately funded. Tax money should not be taken away from the public school system to fund private schools that are not accountable to the public.
- Competition from "choice" schools will force public schools to improve, while at the same time give more opportunities to children from lower income families.

TABOR

Legislation has been introduced that places limits on property tax increases by school boards and local governments. Which of the following most closely reflects your views?

- I support state imposed limits on local government and school spending and property taxes.
- Local elected officials know their community's needs and should be able to make budget decisions.

School Aid

Governor Doyle has proposed increasing state aid to school districts to 66% of school costs. Which of the following most closely reflects your views?

- 66% of local school costs should be picked up by the state tax revenues.
- The property tax has generally been a major source of school funding. It should remain so.

Taxes

If it were necessary to increase taxes, please rank between 1 (most preferred) and 5 (least preferred) your preference.

- Property tax increase
- Sales tax increase
- Across the board income tax increase
- Increase in upper brackets of the income tax
- Cigarette tax increase

Domestic Partnerships

The Governor's proposed budget allows for the payment of domestic partnership benefits to state employees. Which of the following most closely reflects your opinion?

- Family plan retirement and health care benefits should be available only to married participants.
- Employees willing to pay the extra cost of family plans for health care and retirement should be able to secure coverage for their domestic partners.