

LEGISLATIVE QUESTIONNAIRE *CONTINUED*



Representative Mason and his Freshman colleagues at a press conference introducing a bill on campaign finance reform.

15. Should the state do more to limit the influence of special interest money in campaigns and elections?
 ___ YES ___ NO ___ UNDECIDED

16. Should Wisconsin encourage the search for potential medical cures using embryonic stem cell research?
 ___ YES ___ NO ___ UNDECIDED

17. In your opinion, how should the legislature prioritize the following issues? (Please number 1 to 8 [or 9 if you fill in the Other category] with 1 being the most important to you.)

- ___ Support for Education
- ___ Healthcare Reform
- ___ Crime Prevention
- ___ Environmental Protection
- ___ Tax Reduction
- ___ Campaign Finance Reform
- ___ Privacy Rights
- ___ Economic Development
- ___ Other _____

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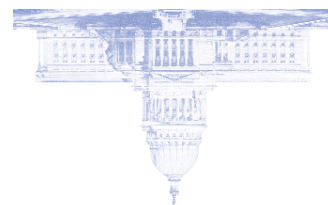
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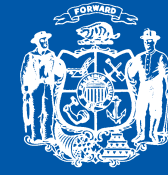
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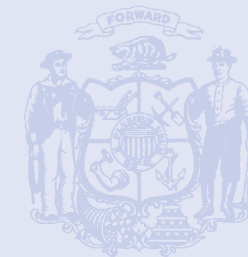
As your newly elected state Representative, I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to represent you in Madison. It is both an honor and a privilege to serve you, the residents of the 62nd Assembly District.

My top priorities continue to be reducing healthcare costs, creating family supporting jobs, holding down property taxes, and investing in education. Enclosed is an update on key legislative issues that I have been working on this session.

Please also take the time to fill out and return the attached survey. The survey is a valuable way for me to learn what voters think. My office is always available to assist you in working with state government. I hope that you will contact me if I can assist you.

Sincerely,

Cory Mason
 State Representative
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Representative Mason talks with a 3rd grade class at Knapp Elementary School about Wisconsin government.

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COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

- Jobs and the Economy
- Education
- Natural Resources

REP. CORY MASON'S LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

JOBS

Raising the Minimum Wage

The first bill I introduced as a newly elected official was to raise the minimum wage to \$7.25 an hour and then raise it every year thereafter at the rate of inflation. If the bill passes, it would mean a raise for 225,000 families in Wisconsin. Working families in Wisconsin deserve a fair minimum wage that will at least keep up with rate of inflation in the state.

I-94 Labor Committee

I am co-chairing a committee to ensure jobs for local residents when the Department of Transportation rebuilds I-94 in Kenosha and Racine Counties. The project will potentially generate hundreds of jobs in Racine for several years.



Representative Mason and Senator Lehman meet with Racine AFL-CIO members at the State Capitol.

HEALTHCARE

Healthcare Reform

Affordable healthcare is essential for the continual growth and strength of our communities. The high price of healthcare is hurting our economy and killing jobs in Wisconsin. My Democratic colleagues and I are fighting for comprehensive healthcare reform with the goal of reducing costs by at least 15% and covering 98% of Wisconsin residents.

Healthcare Forum—April 23, 2007

I held my first town hall meeting in April and invited three statewide proponents of healthcare reform. They each had a plan of their own, but all three would reduce costs by 15% and cover 98% of our residents. Over 100 people came to the event.

Since the forum, the three plans have merged into one plan, Healthy Wisconsin, that will ensure healthcare coverage for all Wisconsin residents at a lesser cost for individuals and businesses. Please be sure to express your opinion on this issue by filling out the attached questionnaire.

Infant Mortality: A Crisis in Racine

I was fortunate to work with the Racine Infant Mortality Coalition to convince the state Joint Finance Committee

to unanimously allocate \$250,000 to Racine to address our high infant mortality rate. Racine rates are twice the state average and the highest in the country for African Americans. We hope the resources help the city get mothers and infants the care they need.

EDUCATION

School districts across the state are facing bankruptcy and resorting to referendums due to a fundamentally flawed school funding formula. I have signed on with some of my colleagues to a resolution that would require the state Legislature to adequately fund K-12 education, as mandated by our State Constitution. For too long we have been pitting students against property tax payers. It is time to find a viable solution to make sure kids get the education they deserve.

ENVIRONMENT

Protecting the Great Lakes

A historic compact was agreed upon in 2005 to protect Great Lakes water from being diverted to other parts of the country not in the Great Lakes basin. Thirsty states like Arizona and Alabama have expressed an interest in building a pipeline to the Great Lakes for fresh water. A number of Great Lakes states have already passed this legislation. I will be working hard this year in the Natural Resources Committee to pass the critical Compact legislation.

Restoring the Root River

In my capacity as a state Representative and a state board member of the River Alliance of Wisconsin, I was happy to announce that the Root River will receive \$30,000 from the Coastal Management Authority to plan for future development along Root River in the City of Racine. Department of Natural Resources Secretary Hassett was with me at the Root River on May 12 to announce the grant, just before he, Senator Lehman, 40 canoe enthusiasts, and I paddled down the Root River from Lincoln Park to the mouth of the River.



Representative Mason and his wife Rebecca in a canoe at the 1st Annual Root River Paddle.

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Knowing your opinions will help me represent your views and interests. Please take a few moments to complete this survey. To return: detach this page, fold so the return address shows, seal at top with tape and apply postage.

- Do you support a health care reform proposal that would give your family access to the same health care benefits as state Legislators, reduce costs by putting everyone in the same big purchasing pool, and require all employers and employees to participate?
___YES ___NO ___UNDECIDED
- Current state law allows big businesses to evade taxes simply by maintaining a PO Box in Las Vegas. Do you support closing this massive tax loophole for business in order to provide Racine property taxpayers an average of \$500 in annual savings on their property tax bill?
___YES ___NO ___UNDECIDED
- Which tax is the most important to reduce in your opinion? (Circle one.)
 - Property Tax
 - Fees
 - Income Tax
 - Corporate Tax
 - Sales Tax
 - Undecided
- Do you support increasing the minimum wage to \$7.25 and then raising it every year at the rate of inflation?
___YES ___NO ___UNDECIDED
- Currently the state is considering legislation to protect Great Lakes water from being diverted outside the Great Lakes Basin. Do you support this legislation?
___YES ___NO ___UNDECIDED
- Should Waukesha be exempt from this law and send its treated sewage through the Root River?
___YES ___NO ___UNDECIDED
- Do you support connecting Commuter Rail from Kenosha, Racine, & Milwaukee?
___YES ___NO ___UNDECIDED
- Do you support the statewide indoor smoking ban?
___YES ___NO ___UNDECIDED
- Do you support a \$1.25 increase in the cigarette tax to pay for healthcare programs and reduce smoking?
___YES ___NO ___UNDECIDED
- Racine has the highest rate of infants who die before they are a year old. Should the state invest in programming to reduce infant mortality?
___YES ___NO ___UNDECIDED
- Do you support changing Wisconsin law to allow individuals to carry concealed weapons?
___YES ___NO ___UNDECIDED
- Should women have access to birth control by requiring pharmacists to fill safe and legal prescriptions without harassment or delay?
___YES ___NO ___UNDECIDED
- Should victims of rape or incest have access to emergency contraception?
___YES ___NO ___UNDECIDED
- Do you support the death penalty?
___YES ___NO ___UNDECIDED



Representative Mason gives his maiden speech on the Floor of the Wisconsin State Assembly about the infant mortality crisis in Racine.