

LEGISLATIVE QUESTIONNAIRE

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.

1. Please rank 1-7, 1 being most important 7 being least. What is the most important issue in the state today?

- Health Care
- Jobs and the Economy
- Taxes
- Crime
- Environment
- Education
- Other

Please Explain

2. Recent proposed legislation would force all private businesses statewide to outlaw smoking indoors. Do you support a mandate like this?

- YES NO
- YES, but exempting taverns UNDECIDED

3. Historically, the state of Wisconsin has paid two-thirds of the costs of public education to lessen the burden on property tax payers. Do you believe the state should continue this commitment?

- YES NO UNDECIDED

4. Should the state encourage life saving medical research using stem cell technology?

- YES NO UNDECIDED

5. Do you support changing Wisconsin law to allow sufficiently trained, law abiding individuals to carry concealed weapons?

- YES NO UNDECIDED

6. If you could choose only **one**, which of the following taxes would you like to see reduced?

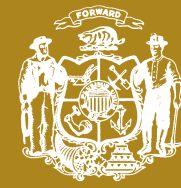
- a. Corporate
- b. Fees
- c. Income
- d. Property
- e. Sales
- f. Undecided

7. Should the state require insurance companies to cover children with Autism?

- YES NO UNDECIDED

8. Would you support a law that allows law abiding citizens to protect themselves with electronic tasers?

- YES NO UNDECIDED



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Dear Neighbor,

It continues to be a privilege and an honor to serve you and the rest of the 70th Assembly District in the State Assembly. The 70th Assembly District comprises much of Wood County, many municipalities in Portage County and a few wards in Marathon County.

This Spring 2008 Newsletter provides me the opportunity to share with you some of the issues I have been working on throughout the last 2 years. These issues include Health Care, Education, Agriculture, and Property Tax Help.

Also included in this newsletter is a list of my upcoming District Office Hours. Please feel free to stop by one of the locations to share any concerns you may have. I will have Wisconsin Blue Books and State Highway maps available.

Hearing from my constituents helps me to be a more effective voice for the 70th Assembly District. I appreciate your input on any of the issues included in this newsletter and thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Sincerely,

Amy Sue Vruwink

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- Committee on Transportation

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REP. AMY SUE VRUWINK'S LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Blazing the Trail for Antique Snowmobiles

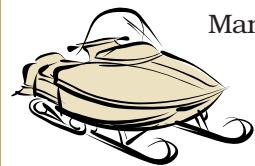
Antique Snowmobile Registration: Assembly Bill 660

Currently, snowmobiles that have a model year of 1966 or earlier are allowed to be registered as "antiques." Assembly Bill 660, which I authored, increases the model year to 30 years old or older, for antique snowmobiles. The goal is to allow more people to register their older snowmobiles and increase ridership on the Wisconsin State Trail System. I was approached by my constituents who have sleds which are not technically antiques, but are only used on special occasions and rides.



Representative Vruwink at the Rudolph Country Christmas.

participation is better, and I believe that this simple change in the law would provide more opportunities for more people to use the snowmobile trail system.



Many of my constituents can only afford registration for one sled, and this is stopping them from using the trail system as much as they could. I have always believed that more

REP. AMY SUE VRUWINK'S DISTRICT OFFICE HOURS

Please stop by any of these times to meet Rep. Amy Sue Vruwink
State Highway Maps will be available at each location

Village of Arpin Tuesday April 29, 2008 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Arpin Public Library 8091 County Road E	City of Nekoosa Wednesday, April 30, 2008 Noon to 1:00 p.m. Municipal Building 951 Market Street	Town of Hiles Thursday, May 1, 2008 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Hiles Town Hall 10108 County Road V	Town of Sharon Friday, May 2, 2008 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sharon Town Hall State Highway 66
Village of Vesper Tuesday April 29, 2008 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Vesper Public Library 6550 Virginia Street	Town of Port Edwards Wednesday, April 30, 2008 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Port Edwards Town Hall 2000 County Road G	City of Pittsville Thursday, May 1, 2008 3:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Pittsville Community Hall 5291 3rd Avenue	Village of Auburndale Friday, May 9, 2008 11:00 a.m. to Noon Auburndale Village Hall 5988 1st Street
Village of Rudolph Tuesday April 29, 2008 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Rudolph Village Hall 1580 Main Street	Town of Seneca Wednesday, April 30, 2008 3:30 p.m. to 4:30p.m. Seneca Town Hall 3540 County Road Q	Town of Plover Friday, May 2, 2008 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Plover Town Hall 5081 Hoover Avenue	Village of Hewitt Friday, May 9, 2008 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Hewitt Village Hall 7688 McLean Drive
Village of Junction City Tuesday April 29, 2008 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Junction City Village Hall 1001 Main Street	Town of Rock Thursday, May 1, 2008 Noon to 1:00 p.m. Lindsey Bar & Grill 8484 County Road V	Town of Hull Friday, May 2, 2008 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Hull Town Hall 4550 Wojcik Mem. Dr.	City of Marshfield Friday, May 9, 2008 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Marshfield Library 211 East 2nd Street

ISSUES THAT AFFECT YOU MOST

BadgerCare Plus



This year I worked with members from both sides of the aisle to provide every child in Wisconsin the health care they need at a price their family can afford. On February 1st, 2008 we launched BadgerCare Plus and fulfilled our moral obligation to every child in this state. BadgerCare Plus is a comprehensive strategy to reduce costs, improve quality, and increase access to affordable health care coverage. This program offers health coverage to every child in Wisconsin, as well as covering working families without children and expanding coverage for farmers and pregnant women.

BadgerCare Plus is simple to enroll in and it's easy to see if you might be eligible for BadgerCare Plus and other health and nutrition programs like FoodShare.



Representative Vruwink with family and friends from the district.

Since February of this year, local community organizations have been helping individuals and families enroll. For a list of these organizations, call 1-800-362-3002 or visit the website: <https://access.wisconsin.gov/>

Home Owners Property Exemption

Assembly Bill 452

I am supportive of the Home Owners Property Exemption, also known as the HOPE Initiative. This bill aims to create fairness in Wisconsin's property tax system by directly exempting the first \$60,000 of a home's value from school property taxes. This tax cut would save the average homeowner nearly \$600 and increase the renters' tax credit from 12% to 16%. In addition to the property tax cut, HOPE would close \$800 million of unfair tax loopholes for large corporations many of which benefit only out-of-state companies. I am proud that I am a part of this common-sense solution to property tax fairness.

Coroner Bill

Assembly Bill 783

I have been working on this legislation for nearly 4 years, and we have made a great deal of progress so far. Last session I served on a legislative study committee addressing the responsibilities and training of coroners. Coroners and Medical Examiners are responsible for many homicide, suicide and other police cases. Unfortunately, when they are elected they are not required by state statute to have any

training. Also, there are many grey areas in the statutes on how coroners are supposed to do their jobs. This bill has been circulated through the legislature and is currently awaiting a public hearing in the Health and Healthcare Reform Committee. Regardless of what happens this legislative session, I will continue to work for accountability of public officials. I believe that this is a necessary change to current law, which will make Coroners and Medical Examiners more accountable and allow them to do their jobs effectively.

Dairy Modernization Act

Assembly Bill 763

Wisconsin milk production has grown by 17% this year, and over the last five years Wisconsin farmers have reinvested \$1 billion into their businesses. Despite this fantastic growth, there are other avenues by which Wisconsin can help level the playing field for our dairy farmers competing with out-of-state producers.

I am the co-author of the Dairy Modernization Act (AB 763), a bill that would allow members of a dairy cooperative to claim a tax credit up to \$700,000 per fiscal year for dairy manufacturing modernization or expansion expenses paid by the cooperative.

