



# REP. MARK HONADEL

21<sup>ST</sup> ASSEMBLY DISTRICT UPDATE

PO BOX 8952  
MADISON, WI 53708

PRSR STD  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Permit #1749  
Madison, WI

\*\*\*\*\*ECRWSS\*\*\*\*\*  
RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER

## Meet Me at Listening Sessions

Do you want to discuss a legislative issue? Do you need assistance with a state agency? Please stop by to meet with me at one of these times:

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

1:00 – 2:30 PM  
South Milwaukee  
Public Library  
Community Room

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

3:00 – 4:30 PM  
Oak Creek  
Public Library  
Community Room

If you can't make it to these sessions, please call, write, or e-mail me at any time and I would be happy to speak with you personally.

## VISIT THE STATE CAPITOL

### Free tours are offered daily, year round.

Tours depart from the ground floor Information Desk, Monday through Saturday at 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 a.m. and 1:00, 2:00, 3:00 p.m. and Sundays at 1:00, 2:00, 3:00 p.m.

A 4:00 p.m. tour is offered Monday through Friday, Memorial Day through Labor Day.

The sixth floor museum and observation deck are open during the summer months.

Groups of ten or more should make an online reservation for a State Capitol tour at [www.wisconsin.gov/state/capfacts/tour\\_select.html](http://www.wisconsin.gov/state/capfacts/tour_select.html) or by calling **608-266-0382**.

During your visit to Madison, you and your group are invited to visit me at my Capitol office. To schedule a visit, contact my office at **888-534-0021**.



Mark welcomes the fourth grade class from Lakeview Elementary to the State Capitol.

## HELPFUL NUMBERS & WEBSITES

Aging & Long Term Care	.....(800) 242-1060
<a href="http://www.dhfs.wisconsin.gov/aging">www.dhfs.wisconsin.gov/aging</a>	
Badger Rx Gold (Prescription Drugs)	.....(866) 809-9382
<a href="http://www.badgerrxgold.com">www.badgerrxgold.com</a>	
BadgerCare Insurance	.....(800) 362-3002
<a href="http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/badgercare">www.dhfs.state.wi.us/badgercare</a>	
Consumer Protection	.....(800) 422-7128
<a href="http://www.datcp.state.wi.us">www.datcp.state.wi.us</a>	
Crime Victim Services	.....(800) 446-6564
<a href="http://www.doj.state.wi.us/cvs">www.doj.state.wi.us/cvs</a>	
EdVest College Savings Program	.....(888) 338-3789
<a href="http://edvest.state.wi.us">http://edvest.state.wi.us</a>	
Identity Theft Hotline	.....(877) 438-4338
<a href="http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft">www.consumer.gov/idtheft</a>	
Dept. of Revenue	.....(414) 227-4000
<a href="http://www.dor.state.wi.us">www.dor.state.wi.us</a>	
SeniorCare Insurance (Prescription Drugs)	.....(800) 657-2038
<a href="http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/seniorcare">www.dhfs.state.wi.us/seniorcare</a>	
Social Security	.....(800) 772-1213
<a href="http://www.ssa.gov">www.ssa.gov</a>	
Telemarketing No Call List	.....(866) 966-2255
<a href="https://nocall.wisconsin.gov">https://nocall.wisconsin.gov</a>	
Tourism & Travel	.....(800) 432-8747
<a href="http://www.travelwisconsin.com">www.travelwisconsin.com</a>	
Unemployment Compensation	.....(800) 494-4944
<a href="http://www.dwd.state.wi.us">www.dwd.state.wi.us</a>	

State of Wisconsin—Official Site . . . [www.wisconsin.gov](http://www.wisconsin.gov)  
Who Are My Legislators? . . . <http://waml.legis.state.wi.us>  
Federal Government . . . . . [www.usa.gov](http://www.usa.gov)



# REP. MARK HONADEL

21<sup>ST</sup> ASSEMBLY DISTRICT UPDATE



## MARK R. HONADEL

STATE REPRESENTATIVE • 21<sup>ST</sup> ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I hope this letter finds you well, after a particularly unforgiving Wisconsin winter. Fortunately, now we can see the daffodils blooming in Grant Park. This Spring, as the legislative session nears an end, I want to give you an update on what I've been doing in the State Assembly as I serve you in the 21st Assembly District.

Inside this newsletter you will find some of the vital issues I've worked on this session as I helped pass legislation to create new economic development, protect our kids and community, and assist low-income seniors and others in need, while always making sure that the best interests of the taxpayer are in mind.

Along with these accomplishments, this session posed its challenges. But with each issue I relied on the values and priorities of the people I represent. I look forward to hearing from constituents, since that helps me do my job as your State Representative all that much better.

I've heard loud and clear from an overwhelming number of you to hold the line on taxes and new spending. I agree that our hard-working families, seniors and businesses cannot afford to pay more taxes. That's why I worked to defeat many of the tax increases initially proposed in the state budget, which would have hurt our economy and citizens beyond belief. I will continue to support measures that seek to make government more efficient and responsive to citizens.

As always, I urge you to contact my office with any questions, concerns or comments regarding state government. Thank you for putting your trust in me by allowing me to represent you.

Best Regards,

Mark Honadel  
Your State Representative

## KEEP IN TOUCH

Room 113 West, State Capitol  
P.O. Box 8952  
Madison, WI 53708-8952

**Phone:** 608-266-0610  
**Toll-Free:** 888-534-0021  
**Fax:** 608-282-3621

**Email:**  
Rep.Honadel@legis.wi.gov

**Website:**  
[www.legis.state.wi.us/assembly/asm21/asm21.html](http://www.legis.state.wi.us/assembly/asm21/asm21.html)

## MY COMMITTEES

- Energy & Utilities
- Housing
- Jobs & the Economy  
(Vice-Chairman)
- Labor & Industry (Chairman)

REPRESENTING SOUTH MILWAUKEE, OAK CREEK AND A PART OF MILWAUKEE.

# REPRESENTATIVE MARK HONADEL



Rep. Honadel listens to testimony while serving as the Labor & Industry Committee chairman.

## Protecting Taxpayers

State government has a long way to go to bring the tax burden in line with Wisconsin families' ability to pay, but I continue to strive toward a government that taxpayers can afford. I supported a **Property Tax Freeze**, income tax **deductions for child care** expenses, and fully **tax-deductible health insurance** premiums paid by employees; all of which were signed into law.

Beginning this year, taxes on **Social Security** income have been eliminated, saving Wisconsin seniors more than \$145 million over the next two years. Also passed this year was a **tax exemption on retirement** and pension income for seniors age 65 and older.

I will continue to focus on tax relief and control government spending to **protect the family checkbook**.

## Keeping Our Families Safe

Keeping our children out of harm's way is one of the most important responsibilities of our state government. I voted to strengthen child protection laws including the **"No Felons in Schools Act"** (Assembly Bill 30). This bill gives school districts a greater ability to make decisions on who they can hire and fire, keeping felons out of schools and away from our children.

I also voted to give employers the ability to refuse to hire individuals who have been

convicted of a sexual or violent offense (AB 260).

New funding for the Justice Department's **Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force** will allow more investigators to track down sex predators that use the Internet to prey upon unsuspecting children. I firmly believe in providing our communities and law enforcement with the tools they need to protect the well-being of all our citizens.

## Health Care

The rising cost of health care is a big concern for our families. While there's not one easy solution, I have focused on real-world reforms to keep costs down, including legislation encouraging **Health Savings Accounts**, cost disclosure of procedures to patients, and incentives for hospitals to improve electronic medical recordkeeping.

I also believe in protecting our most vulnerable citizens. More than 100,000 seniors continue to have access to the low-cost prescriptions they need through the state's landmark **SeniorCare** program.

I voted to provide funds to eliminate the waiting list for the **Autism** waiver program so that all children can receive this much needed treatment.

Beginning this year, every uninsured child in the state is eligible to participate in the new **BadgerCare Plus** program, providing a real option for working families to quality health care coverage. To learn more, visit [www.BadgerCarePlus.org](http://www.BadgerCarePlus.org).

To check eligibility for any service, including Medicaid, BadgerCare and SeniorCare, please visit <https://access.wisconsin.gov> or call 1-800-362-3002.



Mark visits with fourth graders from Cedar Hills Elementary during their class trip to the Capitol.

## Economic Development

This session I worked to improve the state's economic development efforts, provide incentives for Wisconsin businesses to succeed even in tough times, and **create good-paying jobs** in our state.

A **well-trained workforce** is our state's most valuable economic asset. I am the author of AB 540, a tax credit to encourage employee training on a continuing basis in engine-related manufacturing. Product technology is evolving at a fast pace and this will help ensure our workers stay up-to-date in technical skills.

I also supported providing tax credits for businesses that **invest in new research** and innovation and eliminating the tax on capital gains if that money is invested in a Wisconsin business. Now is the time to stand behind our hometown businesses, giving them a chance to grow and **remain competitive** in a global economy.

## Other Important Legislation I've Worked On...

### MILWAUKEE POLICE PAY

While I fully support the hard-working men and women of law enforcement who risk their lives daily, I believe that officers who commit serious crimes should not be paid while they appeal their charges. This is why I worked to immediately end the pay for Milwaukee police officers who are fired and charged with a felony or serious misdemeanor.

### VOTER ID BILL

Voting is a sacred right that must be preserved and protected. A recent report showed compelling evidence of voter irregularities in the 2004 election. A photo ID requirement to cast a ballot will go a long way toward preventing fraud and ensuring that every one's vote counts.

### CABLE CHOICE

My office heard from many constituents who support options in cable television providers, and I want to thank everyone for their feedback. This legislation will bring real competition to our cable markets in southeast Wisconsin and lead to lower rates, improved service, and increased choices for cable consumers.

### TRANSPORTER PLATES

I worked together with Senator Jeff Plale to pass legislation to help keep a local business in Wisconsin. This year a Milwaukee-based company contacted me about a problem it was having with transporter license plate regulations. So I introduced a bill to help businesses that transport vehicles from Wisconsin manufacturers to their customers across the country. This is just one example of how important ideas for legislation come directly from constituents.



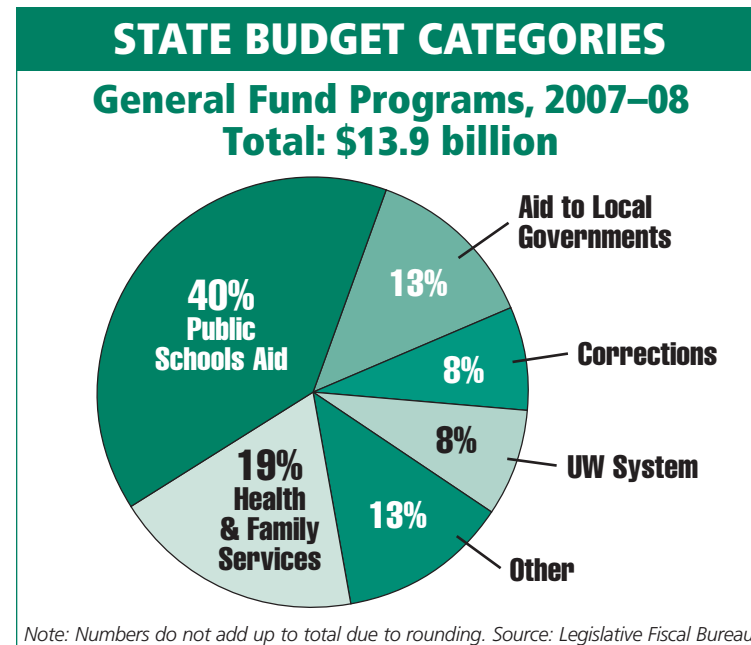
Rep. Honadel addresses his colleagues on the floor of the State Assembly.

## Your State Capitol Connection

If you would like to stay up-to-date with the latest State Capitol news, sign up for my periodic e-updates, delivered straight to your e-mail inbox as news and issues arise.

To sign up, please send an e-mail to [Rep.Honadel@legis.wi.gov](mailto:Rep.Honadel@legis.wi.gov) requesting to be added.

E-updates are just one more way of keeping in touch!



## "Old Glory" Made in the U.S.A.

Most of us can agree that if any one product should be made in America, it is the United States flag. And it only makes sense that American flags gracing the tops of taxpayer-funded buildings should be purchased right here in Wisconsin. That's why I co-authored Assembly Bill 450, which requires all public buildings in Wisconsin to exclusively fly American-made United States flags.

You can purchase a U.S. flag or Wisconsin state flag from the State Capitol. The nylon 3'x5' U.S. and Wisconsin flags are \$9.50 and \$13.50 respectively. Checks should be made payable to the Assembly Chief Clerk and can be sent directly to my office with a note indicating type of flag, quantity and delivery address.

