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Mike Huebsch with his family on Inauguration Day.

MIKE HUEBSCH PRIORITIES: Education and Seniors

I supported a number of bills this session focusing on improving the quality of life for our Seniors and improving our public schools:

Saving SeniorCare

Last year, the future of this popular program was at risk because of expiring federal funding. Working with Republicans and Democrats both in Madison and in Washington, D.C., we secured the funding to keep the program in place through 2009. (2007 Wisconsin Act 20)

Cutting Taxes on Retirement Income

In the Republican version of the state budget, I voted to give tax relief to over 300,000 Seniors in Wisconsin by

excluding their retirement income from taxes. (Republican Budget Proposal)

Improving Long-Term Care

In the Republican Budget, we included a 5% increase in the nursing home reimbursement rate, stopped the governor's bed tax increase on nursing home residents, and created an additional position at the MediGap hotline to answer questions on Medicare. (2007 Wisconsin Act 20)

Record Education Funding

The bipartisan budget agreement provided a \$524 million increase in funding for our public schools, to a record \$12.3 billion over the course of the budget. We fully

funded the SAGE program to keep class sizes low, and provided financial flexibility for declining enrollment school districts. (2007 Wisconsin Act 20)

Increased Special Education Funding and Library Aids

To improve education for all Wisconsin students, I voted to provide an increase of more than \$53 million for special education funding and \$17 million for school library aids throughout the state. (2007 Wisconsin Act 20)

Keeping Felons Away from our Kids

I voted to give our schools the authority they need to keep felons from working in our schools. (2007 Assembly Bill 30)

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(Co-Chair)

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Dear Friends,

I have been proud to be your voice in the state Assembly for the past 14 years. It has truly been an honor and a privilege, and every day I work to live up to the responsibilities you have entrusted me with.

This past year, I had the honor of being elected the 72nd Speaker of the Assembly, the highest post in this house. My duties may have changed and my responsibilities may have increased, but no matter what my role, I remain 100% committed to representing and serving the people of the Coulee region to the very best of my ability.

As your Representative and as Speaker, I have been working hard to focus our state government on the top priorities for Wisconsin families: lowering your taxes, improving the economy and creating good-paying jobs, and making health care more affordable.

Most importantly, I rely on the support of my family in West Salem, my friends in La Crosse and Monroe Counties, and my neighbors all over the Coulee Region. Without you I wouldn't be here in the Capitol, and I remember that every day.

This newsletter will give you an overview of the work we've done in Madison this session. I look forward to hearing from you, and working with you to keep Wisconsin moving forward. Please feel free to contact me toll-free at 1-888-534-0094 or via e-mail at Rep.Huebsch@legis.wisconsin.gov with your thoughts on the issues facing you, your family, and our community.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to represent you in the state Assembly.

Sincerely,

Mike Huebsch



Mike
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ASSEMBLY SPEAKER

Rep. Huebsch's Suggested Help Numbers

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Do Not Call List.....(866) 966-2255	SeniorCare.....(800) 657-2038
Dept. of Natural Resources.....(608) 266-2621	Veterans Hotline.....(800) 947-8387

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Speaker Huebsch addresses the state Assembly.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND JOB GROWTH

- ✓ **Turned Back Job-Killing Tax Hikes**
When it comes to the economy, the government can do more harm than good. That's why Republicans denied more than 98 percent of Democrat-proposed tax hikes in the budget, including a record \$15 billion per year tax on jobs and paychecks that would have meant disaster for Wisconsin businesses and their employees. (2007 Wisconsin Act 20)
- ✓ **Tax Credits and Incentives for Wisconsin Businesses**
In tough economic times, the best way to encourage job growth is with targeted tax cuts and incentives for businesses to grow. I voted to expand the Angel Investment program for start-up companies, cut taxes on businesses that invest in research and development or pay for degrees for their employees, and cut the capital gains tax if the money is reinvested in a Wisconsin company. (2007 Assembly Bills 557, 770, 67 and 671)
- ✓ **Investing in the Jobs of the Future**
I fought to pass incentives to help make Wisconsin a leader in the growing fields of Nanotechnology, Bio-technology and renewable resources. (2007 Assembly Bill 635 and Wisconsin Act 20)

Huebsch's Legislative Highlights

As the Assembly Speaker, I have a unique role in working with both Republicans and Democrats in the Assembly to craft our legislative agenda for the year. My top priorities are:

TAX CUTS FOR WISCONSIN FAMILIES AND SENIORS

- ✓ **Tax Deduction for Health Insurance Premiums**
If you receive health insurance through work and you have to pay a portion of the premium, you will be able to deduct those costs from your state income tax. (2007 Wisconsin Act 20)
- ✓ **Child Care Tax Deduction**
Families in Wisconsin will be able to claim an income tax deduction for expenses related to child care, keeping more than \$16 million in family budgets throughout the state. (2007 Wisconsin Act 20)
- ✓ **Retirement Income Tax Exemption**
I voted to provide tax relief for seniors who earn less than \$30,000 per year with a \$5,000 per-person exemption on retirement income. I fought for this tax cut to give Seniors more financial freedom to help you enjoy your golden years. (2007 Wisconsin Act 20)
- ✓ **Property Tax Freeze**
The best way to freeze property taxes is to hold the line on spending. I voted to hold local spending to an increase of only 2% per year, to give Wisconsin families relief from rising property taxes and encourage responsible spending. (2007 Wisconsin Act 20)

EDUCATION

- ✓ **Funding our Schools**
Wisconsin public schools will see a state investment of over \$12.3 billion, the highest level in our state's history. (2007 Wisconsin Act 20)
- ✓ **Smaller Class Sizes**
I voted to approve \$25 million to reduce class sizes in grades K-3. This money goes to making sure our children receive more one-on-one attention in early grades, better preparing them for the future. (2007 Wisconsin Act 20)
- ✓ **Keeping Schools Safe**
I supported legislation to give local school boards the authority to keep convicted felons from working in our schools. This legislation gives our parents the peace of mind to know that teachers and administrators have the tools they need to keep their students safe. (2007 Assembly Bill 284)



Rep. Huebsch speaking at the 2008 "Veterans Salute to the Legislature."

LEGISLATIVE QUESTIONNAIRE



I WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

(Two members of your household may complete this survey.)

	1st Reply	2nd Reply
1. Would you support a \$15 billion per year tax on employers and employees to fund government-controlled health care?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2. Do you support freezing property taxes?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
3. Do you think the government should focus on real-world, market-driven solutions to health care?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4. Do you believe voters should be required to show photo identification before they are allowed to vote?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
5. Should your tax dollars be used to fund political campaigns?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6. Do you support a statewide ban on smoking in bars and restaurants?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7. Do you support a tuition cap at Wisconsin's public universities?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
8. Do you support using taxpayer dollars to provide government services to illegal immigrants?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Comments: _____

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