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Representative Newcomer, along with Senator Neal Kedzie, tour Zero Zone, a leading manufacturer of retail display cases, coolers and refrigeration for supermarkets located in North Prairie.



Representative Newcomer, along with Kettle Moraine School Superintendent, Patricia Deklotz and State Senator Neal Kedzie, visit before the Laser Trailblazer Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony which is held annually to honor alumni that have established distinctive careers.

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE • 33RD ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

Dear Friends,

I am honored to continue to serve as your State Representative in the 33rd Assembly District. Your continued support and participation has been greatly appreciated. As the year unfolds, I will work to make our great state of Wisconsin an even better environment to live and work in.

I am honored to currently serve on five committees in Madison: I serve as the Chair of the Assembly Financial Institutions Committee, Vice Chair of the Education Committee, and am a standing member of the Health, Labor & Industry, and State Affairs Committees.

With your help, we will continue to fight tax increases as I did when voting against the state budget last year. The 2007-2008 budget, introduced by the democrats, increased taxes unnecessarily and further burdened the hard working citizens of Wisconsin. You contacted me during the budget process, and overwhelmingly asked me not to vote for a budget that included any tax increases, so I decided to vote against the 07-08 budget.

It is essential that we fight against new taxes, so we can allow new businesses in our state to flourish. Economic development needs to be a major priority in Wisconsin, and it will not prosper until we get control over the tax environment in this state. I have experienced the difficulties small business owners face and as your Representative, I will continue to support legislation upholding your rights as entrepreneurs.

On top of continuing to fight taxes, my priorities for the 33rd Assembly district include improving the quality of health care in Wisconsin. My legislation is outlined in greater detail within this newsletter. Appropriate steps need to be taken in an effort to reverse the trend of the increasing cost and often decreasing quality of health care. You and your families deserve access to quality health care without an increase in taxes.

As always, I want to hear from you. Please feel free to contact me or my staff with any of your questions or concerns.

Best Wishes,

Scott Newcomer
Your State Representative

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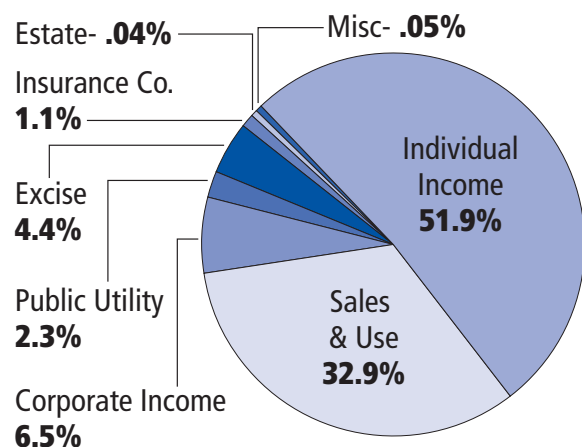
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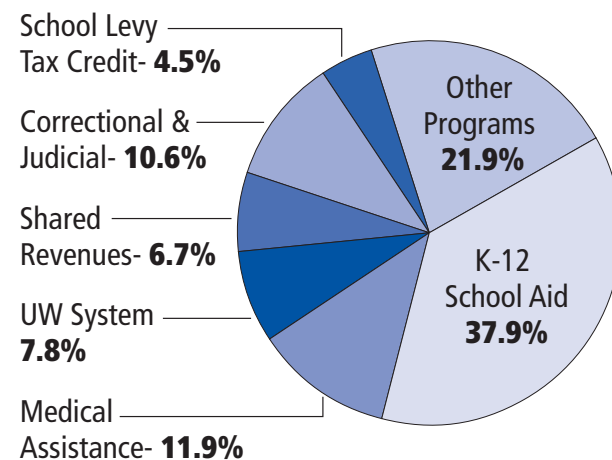
After months of debate the State Assembly, Senate, and Governor Doyle reached an agreement on the state budget. From day one of creating the budget I was looking to place taxpayers first. I continually voted against the budget, holding out in hopes of a better deal for you, the hard working people of Wisconsin.

While the Republican holdout eliminated many of the proposed tax increases, I knew that the people of the 33rd Assembly District did not support any tax increases. For this reason, I voted against the final version of the budget. I hope that continuing to stand up against tax increases will help to build momentum for future budget negotiations.

Where the Money Comes From



Where the Money Goes



Representing Chenequa, Delafield, Genesee, Hartland, Mukwonago, Nashotah, North Prairie, Wales & parts of Waukesha

REPRESENTATIVE SCOTT NEWCOMER



Students and teachers from Hartland's Woodland Academy visit with Representative Newcomer in the Assembly Parlor of the State Capitol.

Newcomer Strives for Improvements

In an effort to reduce taxes, increase your quality of life and protect your rights, I have worked diligently to have a variety of legislation enacted.

Protecting Your Privacy AB-502

This bill addresses the use of your personal information, such as credit scores by an unsolicited third party. During the loan application process, credit companies will often sell your information to third parties. This bill will not prevent the selling of your information but rather the use of that information. It will prevent third party companies from contacting you offering unsolicited services.

AB 502 was signed into law on March 12, 2008.

Strengthening Our Economy AB-409

This bill addresses tax increment financing (TIF). This is when a district funds some form of restoration project, based on the future tax revenues, it will provide.

The bill allows TIF funding to be used anywhere within a 1/2 mile radius of the community originally granted the funding provided the spending is approved by the community's joint review board.

This will allow the community to further strengthen itself by improving its surrounding area.

AB 409 was signed into law on March 5, 2008.

Making Health Care More Accessible For Small Businesses AB-760

Running a small to medium sized business is a unique challenge for business owners where the demands of managing and growing a business often clash with the many administrative functions and details that are necessary to provide for their employees. Small employers who partner with PEO's are able to offer their employees robust benefit packages that are more typical in larger companies. This helps small employers to contain costs, but also to attract and retain quality employees. The intent of this bill is to give small business the tools to succeed by allowing them to join a PEO and take advantage of the health care savings that PEO's can provide to small businesses.

This legislation will establish a framework to register and responsibly regulate PEO's in Wisconsin. It is prudent that Wisconsin develop some accountability requirements for PEO's in order to provide a higher level of security for Wisconsin employers and their employees.

AB 760 has passed both Houses and is currently awaiting the Governor's signature.



In bipartisan fashion Governor Doyle signs Representative Newcomer's Assembly Bill 409 into law.

Future Legislative Focus

Protecting Doctors & Nurses

AB-863- The current criminal statute concerning patient care is ambiguous and potentially broad. Recent prosecutorial decisions not only jeopardize participation in quality improvement activities, but also discourage people from pursuing health care careers.

This bill would encourage the public reporting of a health care provider's quality and safety measures. Increased public knowledge will lead to improvements in the care being provided. The bill clarifies the circumstances under which a health care provider could be subject to criminal prosecution for the maltreatment of a patient.

Reducing Taxes Through Government Consolidation

AJR-39-This proposed constitutional amendment would exempt municipalities from the uniformity clause during a cooperative merger with another municipality.

Under the current law, if two communities merge that have different tax rates, the community with the lower rates would see an immediate jump in taxes and this often deters consolidation.

My proposed constitutional amendment would allow for 12 years of dual tax rates, which would allow the rates to gradually even out preventing the tax shock that would accompany a merger. It is important that this legislation pass so we give more tax saving tools to our local leaders.

Currently Senate Democrats are blocking the passage of this important measure.

BadgerCare Plus

As of February 1, every child in the state will be eligible to participate in the BadgerCare Plus program, a brand-new initiative to provide quality health care coverage for Wisconsin families. BadgerCare Plus will assist uninsured children, and is the latest step forward in the fight against rising health care costs.

Why Is This So Important?

- It provides a real healthcare option for working families.
- Offers comprehensive healthcare to children in low-income homes free of charge
- Gives hard working parents peace of mind allowing them to focus on providing for their families.

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1-800-362-3002**



2007-2008 Blue Books

I have a very limited quantity of the 2007-2008 Wisconsin Blue Book, which I am distributing free of charge on a first-come, first-serve basis. The Blue Book is a wonderful, hard cover reference guide to Wisconsin, with detailed information about the workings of the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Branches of our state government.

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