



Representative **MARY WILLIAMS**
Legislative Update!!

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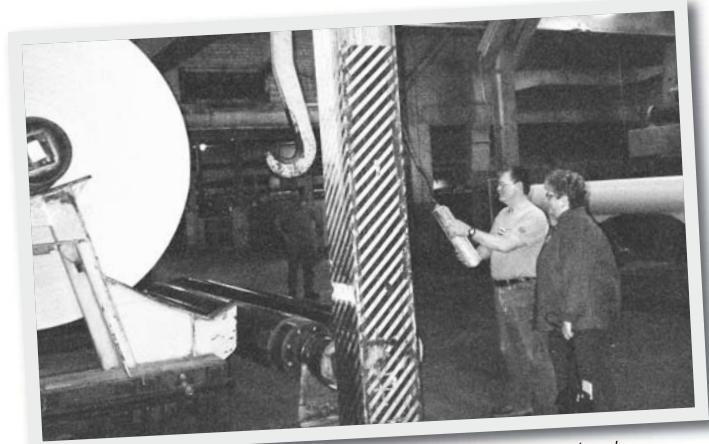
Mary spends time fishing with her granddaughter Marrol.

Williams Initiatives Passed or Signed into Law

- Act 13** Grants for Communities with Catastrophic Storm Damage
- Act 15** Truth in Music Advertising
- Act 38** Distinguishing License Plates for First Responders
- AB 718** Extending Comprehensive Planning Deadline
- AB 771** Protecting People from SSN Security Breaches
- AB 804** Reforming Public Nuisance Litigation
- AB 805** Fair Compensation for Zoning
- Funding for Park Falls Flambeau River Papers Renewable Energy Initiative ...SIGNED IN THE BUDGET!**
- Grant funding for Chelsea Sanitary District ...SIGNED IN THE BUDGET!**
- Restoring Legislative Oversight of Stewardship Program ...SIGNED IN THE BUDGET!**

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Jeff Olver shows Mary the paper making process at Flambeau River Papers in Park Falls.



Mary joins kids from Holy Rosary Catholic School from Medford for a tour of the State Capitol.

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MARY WILLIAMS
STATE REPRESENTATIVE • 87TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT



Greetings!

As the recent legislative session is drawing to an end, I thought I would provide you an update of what I've been working on for you down in Madison.

This past session was dominated by the battle over the state budget. Though it took us awhile to iron out everything, I'm proud of what we accomplished. There were those in the Senate who wanted to expand government and pay for it with the largest proposed tax increase in our history! Fortunately, we were able to eliminate over \$16.5 billion of those proposed tax increases that would have crushed our economy which is already in a fragile state.

In the budget, we replaced those tax increases with tax cuts that will help spur economic growth. We funded programs that will help small businesses expand to create good jobs in our state. We invested \$7 million in the Park Falls Flambeau River Paper Mill right in our back yard to help them lead the state with a new renewable energy operation. We invested in our workforce to keep our economy moving and we invested in our K-12 education system because it will give our children the opportunity to lead us to a brighter future.

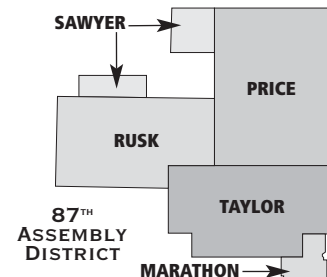
At the time of this writing, we are working to close the budget shortfall resulting from our nation's current economic slowdown. When families are faced with budget shortfalls, we sometimes have to tighten our belts to stay afloat. Our plan asks the same of government—to cut unnecessary spending—and I'm confident we can rise out of this downturn and into a very bright future without raising taxes.

When I travel across our area, from Medford, to Ladysmith, to Park Falls, it's a joy to meet so many great people that remind me why I love this state. Many of you I have had the privilege of meeting and others I hope to meet soon. Please be sure to let me know if there's anything I can do for you as your elected state representative. Serving you continues to be an honor and privilege; after all, you're the reason I'm here.

Your representative and friend,

Mary

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Legislative Accomplishments



Mary joins Governor Doyle for the signing of the Urban Forest Catastrophic Storm Relief Act.

Tax Relief

The state budget included tax relief aimed at keeping more money in the pockets of working families. We included tax relief for people who have to pay health insurance premiums, a deduction for child care expenses, a larger deduction for college tuition paid, tax relief on retirement income, an



Mary testifies with Senator Julie Lassa on their bill to allow special distinguishing license plates for first responders.

expansion of the Property Tax credit for Veterans and their surviving spouses, and a property tax freeze.

Job Growth

In our uncertain economic climate, it's important we have jobs that stimulate economic growth. To help create and add more of the good jobs we need here in the north, I voted to increase Angel Investment tax credits that go to new and expanding businesses. I also voted for lower taxes on capital gains for people who re-invest those gains in Wisconsin businesses. And since technology driven jobs are the good jobs of the future, I voted for tax credits for businesses that invest in Research and Development and new innovative jobs, such as those that employ nanotechnology.

Health Care Reform

Rather than supporting a government run health care plan with the friendliness of the DNR and efficiency of the DMV (that would have increased taxes by



Preston Vaughan of Ladysmith's Indianhead Community Access Agency presents an award to Mary for supporting the Ladysmith Headstart Program.

over \$15 billion!), I voted to allow you to keep your control over your health care decisions. Right now in Wisconsin, we have some of the best quality health care around. But unfortunately, it costs way too much. That's why I voted for free market reforms such as tax-free health savings accounts, streamlined electronic medical records, access to the costs and quality of health care procedures, and tax credits for workplaces that institute wellness programs designed at keeping their employees healthy. These reforms provide real solutions to the complex problem of our current health care system.

Education

We continued to set the bar for state funding of education by providing a record level of funding—over \$12.3 billion—to our K-12 schools. I also coauthored budget proposals that will give schools in our district more funding for bus routes, sparsity aid, and additional options to deal with declining enrollment so we can make sure kids in our rural schools get the same quality education as anywhere in the state.

Mary in the News!

Praises Mary Williams for standing firm on taxes
Mary Williams wrote last week's letter to the Governor in response to the discipline at all levels of government is a good way to bring prosperity and economic justice. I think...

SeniorCare drug program is extended through 2009
SeniorCare, Wisconsin's popular drug assistance program for low-income seniors that was initially supposed to end in July, has just been extended through 2009. SeniorCare operates through a waiver from the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services. It is the only program of its kind in the nation.

Williams catastrophic storm relief signed into law
Communities have a new method for replacing trees damaged in a storm. Other powerful storm relief bills are also being considered.

Mary Williams opposes tax increases in state budget
The non-partisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau recently released a report stating that the effect of Governor Doyle's budget proposal will be to raise taxes on a woman, and child or over \$2,000 for a family of four. "When I travel across my district, I see the impact of these tax increases on families."

Williams votes to fund schools, save property taxpayers \$589M
Rep. Mary Williams (R-Medford) voted for special budget legislation to fund local public schools and save \$589 million in state taxes.

First responder license plates become reality
Representative Mary Williams' bill to allow first responders to have special license plates has become reality. The bill was passed by the Assembly and signed into law.

Williams votes to fix budget hole without raising taxes
Rep. Mary Williams (R-Medford) joined Assembly colleagues in approving a measure that would fix the state's budget hole without raising taxes.

Williams motion to aid Chelsea Sanitary District passes finance
Wisconsin's Joint Committee on Finance used its last day discussing the state budget to pass a motion directing aid to Chelsea Sanitary District for projects as small as Chelsea created too many obstacles to be feasible. "Sometimes state programs are designed in such a way that they are not feasible."

Two Williams' bills pass Legislature
Governor expected to sign bills to hasten disaster relief and protect consumers. Two bills authored by State Rep. Mary Williams (R-Medford) passed both houses of the Wisconsin Legislature recently and will soon be on the governor's desk. Williams says she expects the Governor to sign them.

Williams demands DOA stop identity theft leaks
In response to yet another identity theft leak by a state agency, Representative Mary Williams (R-Medford) has demanded that the Department of Health and Family Services, which has been the source of several identity theft leaks, stop the leaks.

Williams' bill would limit bogus nuisance lawsuits
Representative Mary Williams (R-Medford) said she is introducing new legislation to protect farmers and small businesses from bogus nuisance lawsuits. The grower wasn't causing a public nuisance, but by then the case had already cost him considerably financially.

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Williams: Assembly budget promotes job growth in rural areas
Is our economy going upward or downward these days? On the one hand, we are seeing a decline in the number of jobs in rural areas. On the other hand, the Angel Investment tax credit for investment in other rural areas is helping to create a new wave of job growth.

Mary joins local residents for the dedication of the Lugerville snowmobile bridge near Phillips.