

# Rep. JEFF WOOD

67TH STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT



Dear Citizen,

This legislative session has been very contentious and at times frustrating, but we have made some positive steps for the Chippewa Valley, and the state as a whole. In working with legislators from both sides of the aisle and the Governor, I have tried to do what I thought was best for the families of the Chippewa Valley.

Trying to do the right thing doesn't always make you a lot of friends in Madison, but it's what you elected me to do. While the process has at times been downright ugly, we have had success keeping taxes down, increasing access to health care, providing strong education and working to bring more family supporting jobs to the Chippewa Valley.

Every time I introduce a bill or consider a vote in the Assembly, I think about how it will impact folks back home. This is your state government and it should always serve you. I hope you will keep the enclosed magnet and list of agency contact numbers. Please contact me if you ever have questions or concerns with issues before the legislature or need help working with an agency.

Sincerely,

**Jeff Wood**

At the end of the legislative session, all of our local legislators from both sides of the aisle came together to pass Assembly Bill 789 authored by Representative Wood and Senator Kreitlow. The bill increased the amount of tax credits available through the Wisconsin Technology Zone Program and Wisconsin Agricultural Zone Program. Both of these programs have been extremely successful in helping create good paying jobs in the Chippewa Valley. Their bipartisan effort saved the bill and made an additional \$6 million dollars available for the programs.

Above: Governor Doyle signs AB 789 into law.



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“Voters of all political stripes should salute Wood for voting based on what he believes, not what political leaders tell him to believe. His independence is refreshing and sorely lacking in the Legislature.”  
—Bau Claire Leader Telegram 8-7-2007

“Anyone who sits down with Jeff Wood and talks state issues in detail will have a hard time remembering any local representative with more depth of knowledge and grasp of the intricacies of state legislative matters than Wood.”  
—Chippewa Herald 10-28-2006

## WORKING FOR HEALTH CARE

Representative Wood helped make real progress on health care and will continue to work to increase access and curb costs.

- Crossed party lines to create **BadgerCare Plus**, allowing working families to buy affordable health care. It applies to **individuals, families, and children, and ensures 98% of Wisconsin citizens have access to health care.**
- Making health insurance premiums tax deductible.
- **Full funding for SeniorCare** and a 5% increase in state funding for nursing homes.
- Improve **patient safety and reduce overhead costs** by removing barriers to electronic health records sharing to improve patient safety and privacy.
- Sponsored a bill to allow small businesses to buy into the state health insurance program.

## TAXES AND EDUCATION

Representative Wood authored bills to create **tax credits to help bring more high-paying jobs** into the Chippewa Valley, as well as providing local educational opportunities to help young people stay in the area.

- Voted to continue the **property tax freeze**
- Voted for huge cuts in proposed state spending and to **keep spending increases lower than Wisconsin's Personal Income Growth**

Representative Wood voted to provide **\$524.8 million** dollars in increased state **aid for schools.**

Wood also voted to provide increased financial flexibility to declining enrollment schools while supporting property tax caps to protect taxpayers.

## JOBS AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

**Representative Wood created incentives for renewable energy development.** Working with the Governor and members from both sides of the aisle, Jeff helped include **\$22 million** of grant and loan programs in the state budget as well as:

- Tax credits to help gas stations install E 85 and Biodiesel fuel pumps.
- Sales tax exemption on electricity generated from anaerobic digestion of agricultural waste.
- Sales tax exemption for biomass used for fuel sold for residential use.
- Tax credits to help increase production of biodiesel.
- Increased tax credits for agriculture and high tech companies.



## ACCESSING YOUR STATE GOVERNMENT:

I often hear from constituents who are having trouble finding a contact number for a state agency, or having difficulty dealing with agency staff. It has come to my attention that several local phone books do not have a listing for my office.

This is YOUR government and should you ever have questions or concerns I hope you will not hesitate to contact me.

You can watch action in the Wisconsin Legislature live or archived at <http://www.wiseye.org/>

## OTHER HELPFUL NUMBERS:

Governor Jim Doyle .....	<b>608-266-1212</b>
Congressman David Obey.....	<b>202-225-3365</b>
Congressman Ron Kind .....	<b>888-442-8040</b>
Senator Pat Kreitlow .....	<b>608-266-7511</b>
Consumer Protection .....	<b>800-422-7128</b>
Insurance Complaints .....	<b>800-236-8517</b>
Medicare .....	<b>800-772-1213</b>
Medigap Hotline.....	<b>800-242-1060</b>
Department of Revenue .....	<b>608-266-2772</b>
Road Conditions.....	<b>800-762-3947</b>
SeniorCare Hotline .....	<b>800-657-2038</b>
Social Security .....	<b>800-772-1213</b>
Department of Tourism.....	<b>800-432-8747</b>
Veterans Affairs .....	<b>800-947-8387</b>
WI No Call List .....	<b>866-966-2255</b>