

## STATE SENATOR PAT KREITLOW

### Health Care Update

#### Saving SeniorCare

I'm very proud that one of the first items I worked on was protecting SeniorCare. When President Bush told Wisconsin seniors that they would have to give up SeniorCare, citizens made it clear that they weren't willing to give up SeniorCare without a fight. Working together, the Legislature, Governor Doyle, Wisconsin's Congressional Delegation and citizens from all over the state pressured the Bush Administration to change their mind. In the end, we won and SeniorCare was extended.



Senator Kreitlow stops and visits with a nurse at Our Lady of Victory Hospital in Stanley.

#### Health Care Reform

Health Care Reform has been my top issue. I was proud to support a plan that would give every Wisconsin citizen access to the same health care that legislators receive, at an overall cost much less than businesses and families currently pay. Although Healthy Wisconsin did not pass the Legislature this year, it started a vigorous debate across the state about the need for health care reform. This debate made it clear that reforming our health care system must be a private-public partnership, which Healthy Wisconsin aims to do. As we move forward, I remain committed to making health care more affordable, accessible, and transparent for everyone.

#### Health Care for All Kids - BadgerCare

We did make some progress in the area of accessibility to health care through the passage of BadgerCare Plus. This program, starting in February, will guarantee that every child in the State of Wisconsin will have access to basic health care. It's a good start, and one that I hope we can build on in the coming months.

### Budget Update

#### District Budget Victories

- Increased tipping fee to keep Minnesota trash out of our backyard
- \$3 million for the UW-Eau Claire/UW-Stout NanoSTEM program
- Directed DOT to conduct a traffic study of County HWY T in Eau Claire
- \$200,000 for the City of Chippewa Falls for floodplain study downtown
- \$160,000 for the Chippewa Valley Technical College NanoRite Center
- \$1 million in additional aid for our local school districts

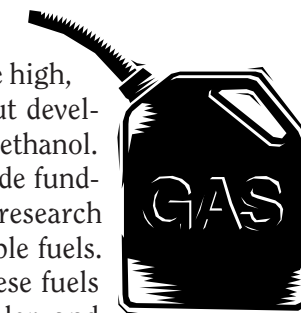


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### Local Issues

#### Renewable Fuels - Saving You at the Pump

With gas prices at an all time high, we need to get serious about developing alternative fuels, like ethanol. That's why I fought to include funding in the state budget for research and development of renewable fuels. We're already producing these fuels in our backyard, in Wheeler and Stanley, which is good for our local economy—and in the long term will help you save money at the pump.



I'm proud to introduce a Renewable Fuel Standards Bill. This bill will set a standard for oil companies to include renewables as a portion of their sales in Wisconsin. This bill will encourage more growth in the renewable fuels industry, something that benefits businesses and farmers in the Chippewa Valley, and will help us get more of our fuel from the Midwest instead of the Middle East.

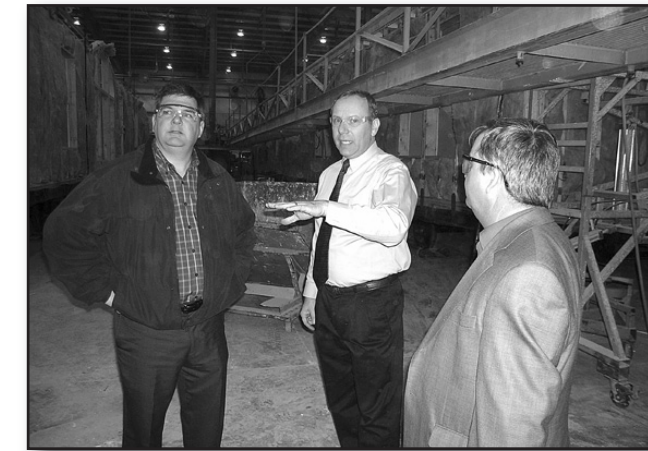
#### For Our Kids - \$1 Million in School Aid

Our kids deserve the best education possible. Too often our rural schools don't get the funding they need and deserve to do the job. That's why I fought for a plan to increase state aid to rural schools and for additional funding for schools facing higher than average special education costs. I fought to make sure these priorities were in the final budget. These initiatives will bring nearly \$1 million in additional funding to Chippewa Valley schools.



#### Developing Jobs and the Economy

Our local economy can't stand to lose any more good paying jobs, whether they're to China or to Minnesota. I secured funding in the budget for the Chippewa Valley NanoRite Center, a facility that helps local businesses get off the ground and grow in the area of high-end manufacturing and research. Investments like this make our area more competitive, secure jobs, and encourage long-term growth.



Senator Kreitlow touring the Dorchester Liberty Homes facility, a top employer in Clark County.

#### Justice is Not for Sale - Campaign Finance Reform

I am proud to be the author of the Impartial Justice Bill, a plan to make Wisconsin's Supreme Court races independent of big money special interests and less vulnerable to conflicts of interest. Wisconsin citizens deserve to know that their high court is above politics and focused on serving the public good.



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### 2007 Constituent Year in Review

#### These are the state issues I heard most about this year:

- ✓ Budget delays
- ✓ Health care reform
- ✓ Cable competition
- ✓ Cigarette taxes and regulations
- ✓ SeniorCare
- ✓ Funding for schools
- ✓ Environmental concerns
- ✓ Insurance coverage for autism disorders
- ✓ Ending sick leave compensation for legislators
- ✓ Drunk driving recidivism

#### This year, I helped constituents:

- ✓ Deal with the fallout of Trac Inc's closing and bankruptcy
- ✓ Straighten out discrepancies and problems with vehicle registration
- ✓ Remove information mistakenly added to sex offender registries
- ✓ Answer questions regarding a violent incident in a local prison
- ✓ Contact child support agencies in Wisconsin and other states
- ✓ Resolve Worker's Compensation disputes
- ✓ Navigate Medical Assistance billing and service issues
- ✓ Access job training and rehabilitation resources
- ✓ Remove mistaken charges from wireless phone bills
- ✓ Adjust disputes on property assessment

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DISTRICT SURVEYS WINTER 2007-08

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*Legislative Survey Winter 2007-2008*

PLEASE RESPOND YES, NO, OR UNDECIDED.

	RESPONDENT <b>ONE</b>	RESPONDENT <b>TWO</b>
1 Would you support a plan that would allow all Wisconsin residents the same level of health care as their state legislator?	Y N U	Y N U
2 Do you believe that out-of-state trash haulers should pay more to dump their trash in Wisconsin?	Y N U	Y N U
3 Would you support complete public financing of political campaigns in place of privately financed campaigns if you knew it would reduce the influence of special interest groups?	Y N U	Y N U
4 With the continued increase of gas prices, do you think Wisconsin should make research and development of renewable energy, like ethanol and bio-fuel, a priority for our state?	Y N U	Y N U
5 Do you think that the state Legislature does a good enough job at locating waste and inefficiencies in state government?	Y N U	Y N U
6 Do you believe that Wisconsin should provide military veterans and their survivors with college tuition assistance?	Y N U	Y N U
7 With property taxes on the rise, do you support reviewing the way we tax in Wisconsin to make sure that both homeowners and businesses pay their fair share?	Y N U	Y N U
8 Do you believe that the state needs to provide more protection for individuals on identity theft and other privacy matters?	Y N U	Y N U

PLEASE RESPOND 1 THROUGH 5, 1 BEING LOW AND 5 BEING HIGH.

9 Please rank the following issues in order of their importance to you:	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
a. Economy-Job Growth		
b. Education	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
c. Natural Resources	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
d. Health Care	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
e. Taxes	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
f. Campaign Finance Reform	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
10 How do you rate the job performance of the following elected officials:		
a. President Bush	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
b. U.S. Senator Herb Kohl	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
c. U.S. Senator Russ Feingold	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
d. Your U.S. Congressman <b>CIRCLE ONE:</b> Dave Obey Ron Kind	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
e. Governor Jim Doyle	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
f. State Senator Pat Kreitlow	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
g. Your State Representative <b>CIRCLE ONE:</b> Scott Suder Jeff Wood Terry Moulton	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5

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*At Your Service*

One of my top priorities is to make state government more accessible to the people of my district. Over the last year I've held 28 district listening sessions and held public hearings in the Chippewa Valley on the state budget, our judicial system, and health care reform. These meetings are open to the public and held in our area to get your input. If you're interested in knowing more about meetings like this or if you have questions about state government, you can visit my website or contact my office.



**WISCONSIN STATE SENATOR  
PAT KREITLOW**  
23RD SENATE DISTRICT



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Dear Friends,

About one year ago I had the honor of being sworn in as your new State Senator. Now that my first year in the State Senate is over, I wanted to take this opportunity to give you an update on what I've accomplished in 2007 and what I'm working on in 2008.

Working with Republicans and Democrats, I've been able to address some very important issues through legislation, and many of these bills have been signed into law by the Governor. We've passed legislation that would expand access to health care, give small businesses and local governments more flexibility, give targeted tax relief to low- and middle-income families, and invest funding in our rural schools. We've also worked together to save SeniorCare and introduce landmark campaign finance reform proposals. In the next year, I'll be working on a plan that will help lower fuel prices by shifting our focus away from foreign oil and onto fuels we're making right here in Wisconsin.

Along with these issues, my staff and I have assisted thousands of constituents with various questions or concerns. We are always available to assist anyone who lives in the 23rd Senate District with any issues that they are having with state government.

My office can be reached by phone toll free at (888) 437-9436, by email at sen.kreitlow@legis.wisconsin.gov or through my website at http://www.legis.state.wi.us/senate/sen23/news/.

Sincerely,

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State Senator, 23rd District

