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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

We did it!

Thanks to your hard work, we elected Steve Doyle to the State Assembly! For the first time in decades, the entirety of La Crosse County will be represented in the State Assembly by Democrats!

In the end, you made the difference, but It certainly helped that Steve was an incredible candidate. As chairman of the La Crosse County board he kept our property taxes the 5th lowest in the state of Wisconsin. He also made incredible gains in improving the efficiency of our county government by bringing in an outstanding County Administrator in Steve O Malley who will be the guest speaker at our May General Party meeting!

Representative-elect Doyle's list of accomplishments goes on and on, and we expect to have that list to grow even longer as he serves us in the State Assembly. Again, **congrats Steve.**

But as Steve has said, we need to take the energy that we all put into his campaign, and double it in order elect Rep. Jennifer Shilling in the recall election against Dan Kapanke.



We know that the Republican smear machine is going to be in overdrive against Jennifer. However, Steve is proof that if we work hard enough, we can beat the corporate interest that are tearing our state apart.

If you want more information on Jennifer's race; how to donate or get involved, please visit www.jennifershilling.com or contact Pablo Ruiz at 608-287-6940 or at pablor@wisdems.org

IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT THE UPCOMING DPW CONVENTION!

There are 4 delegate slots open! We will be voting to confirm our list of delegates to the DPW State Convention at our next general party meeting. (see page 3)

Thank you so much for your continued dedication to our county party and the Democratic cause. **Because of you, by the end of the year, after we elect Rep. Shilling to the State Senate, La Crosse County will be bluer than it's been in at least 30 years! Let's go make it happen!**

Andrew Londre
Chairman, La Crosse County Democratic Party

May 2011

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WORTH A READ

YOU'RE PAYING FOR KAPANKE'S ALEC MEMBERSHIP

Courtesy: One Wisconsin Now

One Wisconsin Now has obtained documents showing that **12 current Republican members of the State Senate are forcing you to pay the cost for their private membership** in one of the nation's most powerful and influential corporate policy outfits - the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC).

ALEC is the corporate front group that has concocted and supported disastrous attacks on the middle class like ending collective bargaining, privatizing public schools, preventing access to affordable health care and starving local governments - taking police officers and firefighters off the streets.

When you think about how the people on this list, such as Dan Kapanke, Alberta Darling and Scott Fitzgerald have claimed over and over that Wisconsin is broke and we have to cut workers' rights, dismantle public education and raise health

care costs for seniors, children and working families, their hypocrisy is enough to make your blood boil.

You are probably well aware ALEC was founded nearly 40 years ago to create pro-corporate legislation at the expense of the middle class. Among the many corporate and conservative interests to finance the group is the Koch Foundation and Milwaukee's Bradley Foundation. All 23 members of its public board are identified Republicans and 71 of its 73 state legislative chairs are Republicans.

Not only have Senate Republicans spent tax dollars on ALEC memberships, but also there are substantial ties between ALEC and Gov. Scott Walker, as well as the Republican Assembly Majority. Walker has served previously as a speaker at ALEC, Senate Republican Leader Scott Fitzgerald was appointed Wisconsin Chair of ALEC in 2008 and Republican

Assembly Joint Finance Chair Robin Vos is current Wisconsin ALEC chair. [ALEC website; Fond du Lac Reporter, 12/28/08]

Let's not mince words here. The American Legislative Exchange Council is nothing more than a corporate propaganda machine and Kapanke, Darling and the other 10 Senate Republicans should immediately return the taxpayers' money and apologize for this improper use of our tax dollars.

If past is prologue, ALEC and its minions may retaliate against One Wisconsin Now. After all, when a University of Wisconsin professor criticized the group, the Republican Party of Wisconsin launched an unprecedented attack on him.

But we are not going to back down from any corporate special interest group or any political party. The stakes are simply too high.

FACTS & FIGURES

SCOTT WALKER: Wants you think he's on his way to achieving his phony goal of creating 250,000 jobs for WI *...but these are the FACTS & FIGURES.*

FACT: Last week the office of Gov. Scott Walker put out a press release (PDF) crowing about "the surge in new businesses" since he took office. It said new business formations totaled 9,553 in the first three months of this year, compared to 7,603 for the first quarter of 2010, a 25% jump.

FIGURE: Exactly two hours later the office issued a correction (PDF): "THIS RELEASE WAS BASED ON DATA SUPPLIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT'S OFFICE OF ECONOMIC ADVISORS. AFTER RELEASE THEY HAVE REVISED THEIR NUMBERS. THE NEW NUMBERS DO NOT REFLECT A SIGNIFICANT UPTICK IN NEW BUSINESS FORMATIONS. PLEASE DISREGARD THIS RELEASE."

This revised figure still seems to show a "significant uptick" from 2010 -- not the 25% originally claimed, but an impressive 9.3%. Why would Walker dismiss this?

That's because there was also a problem with the comparison data. The actual tally for new businesses reported to DFI during the first quarter of 2010, Knight says, was 8,763. And that means the rate between these two periods is **"basically flat."**

Courtesy: TheDailyPage.com

NICE TRY GOVERNOR WALKER...

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CAPITOL RALLY—MAY 14TH

Coulee Region United Educators will have one bus leaving the Valley View mall at 10am, May 14th to the We Are One rally in Madison. To reserve a seat on the bus, please call CRUE at 608-781-1234 or 800-753-0987

CURRENT DELEGATE LIST FOR CDW CONVENTION!

Andrew Londre .. Vicki Burke .. Jesse Campo .. Sue Conard .. Armas Cravins .. Chris Degnan .. Rep-elect Steve Doyle .. Daniel Eumurian .. Elizabeth Eumurian .. Justin Fons .. Chelsea Fonteno .. Paul Hackner .. Fran Haggbarth .. Jill Billings .. Debbie Haggerty .. Sharon Hampson .. Cheryl Hancock ..Rocky Huber .. Laura Hundt .. Tara Johnson .. Loren Kannenberg .. Helen Kelly .. Congressman Ron Kind .. Karen Kroll .. Monica Kruse .. Paul Kruse .. Steve Londre .. Charles Marx .. John Medinger .. Christina Pohlman .. Chris Shilling .. Rep. Jennifer Shilling .. Paula Stanek .. Kris Troyanek .. J.D. Wine .. Marcia Wine .. Margaret Wood

We have 4 more open delegate slots to fill!!! If you would like to be a delegate or an alternate, please email Andrew Londre at Andrew.londre@gmail.com

We will vote to confirm our final delegate roster at our upcoming May General Party meeting.

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- ___ \$120 - Supporting Membership
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- ___ \$600 - Patron
- ___ \$2400 - Benefactor

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I recommend contacting as a possible member

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