

I hope this week finds you and your family well as we speed towards Christmas! I was at an event recently and I brought up fly-over country, which I have mentioned a few times. This is an important issue to us all for several reasons as voters, but also as constituents and citizens. When politicians run for office, they typically go for the low-hanging fruit, that is the most voters in the least amount of time. My personal pet peeve is when someone reaches to shake your hand and they're already looking past you for the next hand to grab rather than taking some time and saying hello, answering your question, and just assuming that because they said hi, that you would be so enamored with them, that they automatically got your vote. This is not who I am or what I believe in. I am traveling around Wisconsin going to events ranging from local pints and politics to Lincoln Day Dinners, and recently, Christmas parties. I'm visiting parks, stopping by businesses, and some homes beautifully decorated for Christmas. These are fun and engaging stops where I enjoy walking around saying hi and having meaningful conversations. I have stayed to the end of most every event to make sure that if someone wants to talk, I will make time for them and answer their questions. The other part of this is when those same politicians visit the largest city in the country and feel like they've got that county crossed off the list and they move on. They may not be in an airplane like the presidential candidates, but their lack of desire to spend time with the average voter is still palpable. You matter and that is why I make sure that my campaign for the United State Senate is different in many ways.

Traditionally, a politician works to raise piles of money and sometimes, when they have millions of their own, they'll dump more money on advertising and signs than most of us will make in our entire lifetimes. Then, they make a few appearances, shake a few hands, and retreat from the event, usually citing scheduling. You deserve better and I am committing my campaign and time serving you in the Senate to actually be the change we are looking for. I don't have those millions of dollars and that should never be qualifier for office that makes a candidate "viable." Only you have the right to decide that. So, what will this campaign look like? To start, I'm building my fundraising on the principle that everyone matters, and my goal is to compete against Senator Tammy Baldwin and her special interest friends with donations from the people. If you can afford to give \$100, I'll accept it with gratitude. If \$10 is what is in your budget, listen, I've been there and I've lived my whole life making decisions, sometimes tough decisions about money, and I respect that. If you can't donate but can help me pound in signs, make some calls, or walk a parade, that means a lot to me as well. The long and the short of it is that we the people of Wisconsin deserve better, and I'm asking for your trust, your support, and your vote. But asking for your vote shouldn't be just airing some ads and some high-dollar events and stopping in the big cities. I want to earn your vote. If someone is running for office, ask them questions. Ask them to stay and explain their views. Demand that they spend time in your city, in your village, in your township. It shouldn't matter if your township only has 188 people, they should take time to stop by and talk. It's only when we hold elected people accountable that they'll be accountable. Don't let someone drop millions into a campaign and grace through the primary. Don't accept talking points and a rah-rah canned speech about a few things they'll support that they read from a card. Make them earn your vote!

My 72 county strategy means that I will be in EVERY county, and many times. I will visit any city whether you have 50,000 or 150. Demand this kind of commitment from anyone who puts their name on the ballot. Your vote should never be taken for granted and I intend to earn every one of them. If you see me at an event, in a restaurant, or in a parade, I invite you to come visit. If you're working and miss



me, contact my campaign and ask when I'll be back. Wisconsin is full of amazing communities, and I plan to visit every one of them. If candidates can't show up, they don't deserve your vote. Period. I am posting pictures of my visits and I encourage you to keep an eye on the posts for your own hometown!

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