

## Reflections

As I've traveled across Wisconsin, I've noticed that I often get asked similar questions, but really good questions. Sometimes the wording is a little different, perhaps there is more or less emotion shown while asking, but something that really powers me on as I go from town to town is the heart behind the questions. People across Wisconsin care deeply about the state of our nation, and the more I engage with people, the more you are coming to events, asking questions, and even volunteering for this campaign. For that, I am grateful. Thank you!

I wanted to talk a little about the campaign and what the next steps are. Several of you have chosen to wait to see if another candidate is going to jump into this race. Many of you, after spending time with me, sending me emails, and talking with me after events are joining Staceyforwisconsin. Many have donated which helps me continue to meet with all of you. I have to share with you, the feedback I am getting makes me proud...and humble. It was a huge decision to decide to run for the United States Senate, and it was a decision that I didn't take lightly. It is with that understanding that I write this week's column. I invite you to check out my Facebook page and website and learn about me and the campaign, reach out via email or catch me at an event, and then join us!

With so much at stake, it is so very important to know who your candidate is. Having a famous last name shouldn't make you the best candidate. Let's reserve that for favored status in local high school football. Neither should having the most money. Owning huge mansions in no way prepares someone for the United States Senate. We shouldn't be talking about who has the most money to bring. All it means is that they would fit in with all the other elites who have bought their way into that hallowed chamber. Instead, we should be talking about values and ideas. You the voter deserve better than some political boss in a backroom in Washington DC or Madison deciding who you "get" to vote for because that person has a pile of money to drop on advertising. That is why I've written articles every week, so you can get to know me. It is easy to become enamored with some flashy candidate in two minutes when their team flies in on the private jet, but it takes time to build trust, and to place your trust in someone. I want you to know me, I want you to know what I stand for. I want to earn your trust. That is why I get to an event early and stay late. And that is why I entered the race last fall, because I plan to shake every hand I can, I am visiting every community and answering every question. Getting to know you takes time well-invested.

I have heard from so many people who say they don't want flashy tv ads and millions poured into this campaign. That will not beat Tammy Baldwin in November even though Tammy's followers plan to buy one more election for her. People have spoken, and what you have shared is you desire a candidate with substance, someone who will take the time and get to know you. Not just a candidate who will step down from their ivory tower and mingle with the rest of us, but someone who knows the struggles that we Wisconsinites face, and don't own that ivory tower. It continues to be an honor meeting with you, getting to know you, and standing for our shared beliefs and values as we work to save America.

As always, please check out [Staceyforwisconsin.com](http://Staceyforwisconsin.com), drop me a quick email or any questions you have, and let's unite to reclaim this Senate seat for you, the people of Wisconsin.



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