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Winners and Losers

The results of the 2023-2024 Northeast Wisconsin State Legislator Scorecard

By the WCC Scorecard Committee

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The Wisconsin Conservative Coalition (WCC) presents the 2023-2024 Northeast Wisconsin State Legislator Scorecard. Fourteen members of the Assembly and six members of the Senate representing Northeast Wisconsin were rated on how they voted on ten key bills.

WHY A SCORECARD?

The WCC, a coalition of three patriot groups in Northeast Wisconsin, developed the scorecard to record how our elected officials vote on bills concerning key conservative issues and then to share that information with our members and the interested public. We want legislators to know that we are watching how they vote, not just believing everything they tell us.

Votes are scored according to their support for the seven principles that appear in the box on this page. These principles are defined and explained in a document titled "Scorecard Values" that is available on the WCC's website.

RATING CALCULATION

The WCC Scorecard Committee identified 88 bills that were considered by the Wisconsin State Legislature in 2023 and 2024 and addressed topics important to conservative voters. Those bills were suggested by members of the WCC board or appeared in scorecards produced by CPAC, John Birch Society, NFIB-Wisconsin, and Wisconsin Family Action. We sought bills addressing a wide range of issues and concerns rather than focus narrowly on only one or two topics.

Scorecard Values

- Constitutional Government
- State Sovereignty/States Rights
- Traditional Values
- Limited and Appropriate Legislation
- Fiscal Responsibility
- Free Markets
- Transparency

WCC's board of directors voted on which bills to include, eventually narrowing the list to about 20 bills. Ten of those bills failed to meet our requirement that they receive recorded floor votes in both chambers of the legislature. For the remaining ten bills, we used the official roll call vote tallies as they appear on the website of the legislature at www.legis.wisconsin.gov.

To determine this year's rating, 10 points were earned for each conservative vote (designated by a C), and no points were awarded for a liberal vote (indicated by an L). Each failure to vote (recorded as a Z) earned three points. Thus, a legislator voting conservative on eight votes, liberal on one, and failing to vote on another, would receive an 83% conservative rating.

WINNERS

One legislator scored a perfect 100% conservative rating this year: **Sen. Andre Jacque** representing the 1st Senate District (De Pere). The next best scorers each received 80% ratings: Rep. Joy Goeben (5th District), Rep. Nate Gustafson (55th District), Rep. Shae Sortwell (2nd District), Rep. Paul Tittl (25th District), Sen. Robert Cowles (2nd District), and Sen. Eric Wimberger (30th District).

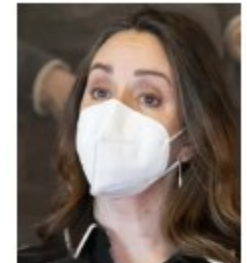


Nearly every Republican voted conservatively on seven of the ten bills we scored, but most voted liberal on three bills: SB 488 (approving Gov. Evers' partisan legislative redistricting map), AB 438 (a huge taxpayer subsidy to the Milwaukee Brewers), and SB 894 (a taxpayer subsidy to BioForward, Inc., whose members use fetal tissue and organs for commercial purposes).



LOSERS

Two legislators, both Democrats, were the biggest losers in this year's scorecard. **Rep. Kristina Shelton** representing the 90th District (Green Bay) scored an abysmal 20% and **Rep. Lee Snodgrass** representing the 57th District (Appleton) scored an even worse 10%. Shelton and Snodgrass voted against tax cuts, against increased funding for school choice programs, and against election integrity. They voted for product bans in the name of "climate change," for allowing biological males to play on girls sports teams, and for allowing dangerous and irreversible gender transition surgery on minors.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

The Wisconsin Conservative Coalition (WCC) has three member organizations: Fox Valley Initiative, Northeast Wisconsin (NEW) Patriots, and Wolf River Area Patriots. In addition to producing this scorecard, each group hosts monthly events with great speakers and opportunities to meet elected officials. The groups have websites (listed on the cover of this report) and growing email lists used to issue Calls to Action and disseminate valuable information. Be a Patriot! Join one of these groups!

