



Wisconsin Grocers Association – Capitol Days May 16 – Legislative Biographies



Senator Andre Jacque - R
District 1

- Born Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, October 13, 1980; married; 6 children.
- Graduate Green Bay Southwest High School; B.S. University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2003; graduate certificate, University of Wisconsin-Madison La Follette School of Public Affairs.
- Environmental consultant. Former communications and planning director; municipal and county grant writer.
- Member: Wisconsin Council on Domestic Abuse; Education Commission of the States; Council on Workforce Investment; Legislative State Supported Programs Study and Advisory Committee; Wisconsin Artistic Endowment Foundation; Great Lakes/St. Lawrence River Legislative Caucus (chair); National Caucus of Environmental Legislators (state lead); Family & Childcare Resources of Northeast Wisconsin (vice president); Green Bay Area Crime Stoppers (board member); Van Handel Foundation for Families of Children with Special Needs (board member); VFW Auxiliary; Knights of Columbus.
- Former member: Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (board member); Small Business Regulatory Review Board (past chair); Wisconsin Small Business Environmental Council; Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board; Council on Tourism; Golden House Domestic Abuse Shelter Community Leadership Council; Wisconsin Higher Educational Aids Board; Wisconsin Association of Municipal and County Assistant Managers; National Association of Local Government Environmental Professionals Grants Management Taskforce.
- Recipient: Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence Legislative Champion Award; Wisconsin District Attorneys' Association Legislator of the Year; VFW Wisconsin Legislator of the Year; American Legion Wisconsin Chapter Legislator of the Year; Wisconsin Electric Cooperatives Legislator of the Year; Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin Legislator of the Year; Wisconsin Independent Living Network Relentless Badger for the Disabled Award;

	<p>Wisconsin Counties Association Outstanding Legislator Award; Pro-Life Wisconsin Legislator of the Year; National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) Guardian of Small Business Award; Wisconsin Family Council William Wilberforce Freedom Award; Brown County Crime Prevention Foundation Crimefighter Award; Manitowoc County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition IMPACT Recognition; Wisconsin Coalition of Virtual School Families Shining Star of Education Reform; Phillips Foundation Distinguished Young Conservative Leader of the Year; Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Legislator of the Year, Future 15 Award, and 25 People You Should Know; Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Legislator of the Year; Oral Health Partnership Children’s Health Champion; Wisconsin Towns Association Friend of Towns; Wisconsin Professional Police Association Legislator of the Year; Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association Legislator of the Year; U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute for Legal Reform State Legislative Achievement Award.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislature: Elected to Assembly 2010–2016. Elected to Senate since 2018.
 <p>Senator Rob Cowles - R District 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Born Green Bay, Wisconsin, July 31, 1950. • B.S. University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, 1975; graduate work University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. • Small business owner and legislator. Former director of an alternative energy division for a communications construction company. • Member: Kiwanis Club of Greater Green Bay; Friends of Whitefish Dunes State Park; Green Bay/Brown County Professional Football Stadium District Board; National Caucus of Environmental Legislators; Salvation Army Volunteer; Trout Unlimited. • Elected to Assembly 1982–86 (resigned 4/21/87). Elected to Senate in April 1987 special election. Reelected since 1988.



Senator Rachel Cabral-Guevara - R

District 19

- Born Appleton, Wisconsin, August 10, 1976; divorced; 4 children.
- Graduate Machebeuf Catholic High School (Denver, Colorado); B.S. in Biology and Chemistry, Mount Mary University, 2000; B.S. in nursing, University of Wisconsin–Oshkosh, 2004; M.S. in Nursing, University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee, 2008.
- Nurse practitioner and owner of Nurse Practitioner Health Services LLC. Former senior lecturer in the College of Nursing, University of Wisconsin–Oshkosh.
- Member: Winnebago County Republican Party; Outagamie County Republican Party; ACES Xavier School System (parent volunteer); American Nurses Credentialing Center; Boy Scouts of America (parent volunteer); Fox Valley Health Professionals; Wisconsin Nurses Association (APRN Coalition); AANP (American Association of Nurse Practitioners); Boy Scouts of America Bay-Lakes Council (executive board); American Legion Auxiliary.
- Former member: Sigma Theta Tau, Neenah Alliance School (parent volunteer), Wisconsin Express—Wisconsin AHEC (Area Health Education Centers) program; Fox Cities Morning Rotary Club.
- Elected to Assembly 2020. Elected to Senate 2022.



Senator Eric Wimberger – R

District 30

- Born Green Bay, Wisconsin, April 2, 1979; single. Voting address: Green Bay, Wisconsin.
- Graduated: B.A. in Criminal Justice, St. Cloud State University, 2001; J.D., Marquette University Law School, 2005.
- Attorney and small business owner; operates family-run candy store in Lakewood and a legal practice in Green Bay. Former long-haul truck driver; bartender; factory worker. Served as Captain, U.S. Marine Corps, Judge Advocate General's Corp, 2006-10.
- Member: Green Bay Packers season ticket holder and shareholder; Cloud Family Foundation (board member).
- Elected to the Senate 2020.



Rep. Joel Kitchens – R
District 1

- Born Washington, D.C., September 20, 1957; married; 3 children, 2 grandchildren.
- Graduate Ballard High School, (Louisville, Kentucky), 1975; B.S. Ohio State University, 1979; D.V.M. Ohio State University, 1983.
- Large animal veterinarian.
- Member: Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church; Door County Medical Center (board member); Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association; American Veterinary Medical Association; Sturgeon Bay Rotary Club; Wisconsin Coastal Management Council.
- Elected to Sturgeon Bay Board of Education, 2000–14; Assembly since 2014.





Rep. Shae Sortwell – R
District 2

- Born Saratoga Springs, NY, 1985; married; 6 children.
- B.A. in Public Administration, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, 2006; Hazmat Tech certified, U.S. Army Chemical School, 2012.
- Truck driver. Hazmat Technician and Emergency Response Team Member. Former U.S. Army Sergeant, U.S. Army Reserve Chemical Corps.
- Member: Disabled American Veterans; American Legion.
- Previous office: Gibson Town Board supervisor; Green Bay City Council member.
- Elected to the Assembly since 2018.



Rep. Ron Tusler - R
District 3

- Born Appleton, Wisconsin, March 21, 1984; married; 2 children.
- Graduate Neenah High School, 2002; Degree in Urban Education, History, Honors from University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 2007; J.D., Marquette University Law School, 2010.
- Small business owner, law practice; attorney, private practice clients and Outagamie County Public Defender’s Office. Former attorney for Winnebago County District Attorney’s Office and Outagamie County District Attorney’s Office; student teacher, Milwaukee Public Schools.
- Member: Appleton Area Jaycees (chair; president; treasurer); Heart of the Valley Chamber of Commerce; Republican Party of Outagamie County (former chair, vice chair, communications director).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former Member: St. Thomas More Society (vice president); Native American Law Society (treasurer); Boy Scouts of America-Gathering Waters District (membership chair; executive officer). • Elected to Assembly since 2016.
 <p>Rep. David Steffen – R District 4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Born October 12, 1971; married; 1 child. • Graduate Ashwaubenon High School, 1990; B.A. in Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1995. • Small business owner. • Membership: McPherson Eye Research Institute (advisory council member); U.S. Global Leadership Coalition (advisory council member); Howard Small Business Partnership (founder); Howard Go Green Save Green Initiative (founder, chair); Ashwaubenon Business Association (president); Prevent Blindness—Northeastern Wisconsin (president); Team Lambeau (executive director); Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce State and Federal Issues Committee (chair). • Village of Howard Board of Trustees, 2007–15; Brown County Board of Supervisors, 2012–15. • Elected to Village of Howard Board of Trustees, 2007–15; Brown County Board of Supervisors, 2012–15; Assembly since 2014.
 <p>Rep. Joy Goeben – R District 5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Born Wisconsin • Graduate Green Bay East High School; B.A. in education at University of Wisconsin - Green Bay, earned master’s in education at Walden University. • Former teacher at Ashwaubenon Public School District, opened and operated a childcare center, assists with family business. • Elected to Assembly 2023



Rep. Peter Schmidt - R
District 6

- Born Shawano, Wisconsin, July 3, 1992; single.
- Graduate Bonduel High School, 2010; B.A. in Political Science and Spanish, University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point, 2013.
- Dairy farmer.
- Member: Wisconsin Farm Bureau (former board member); NRA; United States Concealed Carry Association; Brown, Outagamie, Shawano, Waupaca County Republican Party.
- Former member: Wisconsin Counties Association, 2018–20; National Association of Counties, 2018–20.
- Elected to Shawano County Board of Supervisors, 2018–20. Elected to Assembly 2022.



Rep. Nate Gustafson – R
District 55

- Born Appleton, Wisconsin, 1995
- Graduate Neenah Joint School District; Fox Valley Technical College, 2018.
- Co-founded Winnebago County for Freedom, former campaign manager.
- Elected to Assembly 2023



Rep. Dave Murphy - R
District 56

- Born Appleton, Wisconsin, November 26, 1954; married; 2 children.
- Graduate Hortonville High School, 1972; University of Wisconsin-Fox Valley, 1972–74; Wisconsin School of Real Estate, 1975.
- Full-time legislator. Former owner, fitness center and agribusiness; real estate broker.
- Member: Greenville Lions Club; Immanuel Lutheran Church.
- Former member: Paper Valley Soccer Club (vice president).
- Elected to Assembly since 2012.



Rep. Lee Snodgrass – D
District 57

- Born Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, February 9, 1969; single; 2 children.
- Graduate Preble High School (Green Bay), 1987; B.A. in English Literature, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 1991.
- Full-time legislator; Livestrong Instructor, YMCA Fox Cities. Former communications director for Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes; senior design project manager; sales manager for a paper corporation.
- Member: Children’s Caucus: Fox Cities Greenways; LGBTQ+ Caucus; Trails Caucus (cochair); Democratic Party of Wisconsin (second vice chair); Leaders for Climate Accountability; Outagamie County Aging Advisory Committee; Wisconsin Bike Fed; Wisconsin Women’s Business Initiative Corporation Ambassador.
- Elected to Assembly 2020. Leadership positions: Minority Caucus Sergeant at Arms 2023.




Rep. John Macco – R
District 88

- Born Green Bay, Wisconsin, September 23, 1958; married; 2 children, 6 grandchildren.
- Graduate Green Bay Southwest High School, 1976; attended NWTC and University of Wisconsin–Green Bay.
- Founder of regional financial planning group; Founder of regional retail franchise; Business consultant.
- Member: National Rifle Association.
- Former member: American Cancer Society of Wood County; Old Main Street Marshfield; Old Main Street De Pere; Old Main Street Green Bay; U.S. Ski Patrol; Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association; Deacon and Church Elder at Central Church, Green Bay.
- Elected to Assembly since 2014.



Rep. Elijah Behnke – R

- Born Oconto, Wisconsin, February 15, 1983; married; 2 children.
- Graduate Oconto High School, 2001; associate’s degree in Biblical Studies, Toccoa Falls College, 2005 (class chaplain).
- Entrepreneur. Former landscaper and farmer.
- Member: Jacob’s Well Church.
- Former member: Town of Little River 4H Club (president).
- Elected to Assembly in April 2021 special election. Reelected 2022.

District 89	
 <p>Rep. Kristina Shelton – D District 90</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Born Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, June 2, 1980; married; 2 children. • Graduate North Hills High School (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania), 1998; B.S. in Kinesiology, Pennsylvania State University, 2002; M.S. in Health Promotion Management, Marymount University (Arlington, Virginia), 2010. • Former health education specialist and physical education teacher; nonprofit director; community organizer. • Member: Yoga Alliance; National Commission for Health Education Credentialing. • Former member: American Public Health Association; The Society of Health and Physical Educators (SHAPE America); Wisconsin Association of School Boards. • Elected to Green Bay School Board (vice president); Assembly 2020. Leadership positions: Minority Caucus Secretary 2023.