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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

February 2011

2011 has been off to a mixed start.

***First, the good news: The Green Bay Packers are Super Bowl Champions! Congratulations Packers!***

In that respect, it is a great time to be a Wisconsinite. However, if you are a fan of state employees, or are one yourself, you were probably as disappointed by our Governor's State of the State Address as I was. But let's not pretend like we are surprised by the fact that the only 'specific cut' that Governor Walker was able to come up with in his State of the State, was a cut in benefits –and likely salaries– of state employees.

Last week I told Mitch Reynolds of 1410WIZM that the Governor's Address made me think of a moment that will live in NFL infamy. I said that after listening to the Address, I could not help but think about the outburst of former Arizona Cardinals coach Dennis Green after losing a big lead to the Chicago Bears... After the loss he addressed the NFL press corps and shouted,

**“They are who we thought they were!”**

Lets be honest for a moment, and recognize the fact that Governor Walker and the Republican Legislature are exactly “who we thought they were.” A group of men who can't stand state employees, and who are long on talk and gimmicks but short on specifics. However, that is where the analogy ends, because the next words to come out of Coach Green's mouth were, “and we let them off the hook.” And as the Governor and his Legislature continue to diverge from a agenda focused on jobs, and rather on dangerous ideological issues, I guarantee...

**We will not let them off the hook.**

Thankfully, we still have a President in Washington DC who we can count on.

Just a few days before Governor Walker's State of the State Address was President Obama's State of the Union Address which set the tone and agenda for our nation's foreseeable future. That agenda is focused on job creation, improving our economy, and defending the important progress Democrats have made over the last two years including health reform, financial regulation, human and civil rights, and so much more.

To that end, I want to thank everyone who showed up to watch the State of the Union Address at Boot Hill Pub. I thoroughly enjoyed the Address and most of all, being in the company of so many of my close friends.

Thank you for remaining committed to the cause!

Sincerely,

Andrew Londre  
Chairman, La Crosse County Democratic Party

## UPCOMING PARTY EVENTS

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Aired, February 4, 2011

## Rachel Maddow on the Green Bay Packers

So how did Green Bay end up with an NFL team? The NFL's business model usually features rich team owners, right? Cities that don't have enough money for public schools and cops and teachers build giant stadiums because they might attract NFL teams, right? How come little Green Bay has one? Because when the Packers were born, there were pro football teams in towns like Portsmouth, Ohio and Decatur, Illinois.

The Packers are called the Packers because the Indian Packing Company gave the owner the team 500 bucks for uniforms in 1919 in return for naming rights for the team. Google naming rights tonight and see if you can get any for 500 bucks. See if 500 bucks will get you naming rights to anything including a bake sale. As football got to be big profits, big revenues, big price tags on the teams, big stadiums, most of those once upon a time small town teams wound up relocating to places like Chicago and Detroit. But not the Packers. Because the original owners, who were from Green Bay, did something amazing.

They wrote into their articles of incorporation that any profit from the

sale of the team would, I'm not kidding, go to the local American Legion post to build a proper soldiers memorial. They later updated it so any profit would go to a foundation which distributes money to charity. Why is that important? Because that takes the financial incentive out of the prospect of selling that team. Nobody can profit by selling the Green Bay Packers no matter how wildly successful they are as a business entity. And the fact that nobody can profit from selling them has insured that the Packers have not been sold and so they have never left Green Bay. They are the last of the small city, small town teams.

But, wait. There's more. Woo. In 1950 in the age before TV money made every team super, super rich the Green Bay Packers found themselves strapped for cash. The team was not making enough money. They were in trouble. Not willing or even really able to sell the team itself to remedy that problem the Packers hit on the idea of selling stock in the team so they could raise money to keep the thing going. In late 1997 and early 1998 they sold more stock at I think \$200 a share. The stock sale was way more of a municipal bond kind of thing. Nobody is allowed to own more than 200,000 shares and there are just under 5 million shares. So

nobody is allowed to amass a large portion of the ownership of the team. There are no dividends. There are no capital gains for stockholders. The stock does not depreciate in value. It is not publicly traded. It is a nonprofit corporation. What is the payoff on the stockholders' investment? What is the payoff for the Green Bay Packers' 112,000 individual owners?

The payoff is a pro football team in Green Bay. And, yes, three super bowl titles and counting. But also a fan base that is so in love with its team and a team so in love with its fan base that the Packer players invented the touchdown celebration move of jumping into the stands for hugs. In some cities fans throw things at the players. In Green Bay, the players throw themselves at the fans. **I scored a touchdown. Hug me, you guys!** There are a lot of nonprofits in this world and a lot of them are saving the world and feeding and clothing people and doing the most important work there is but there is only one nonprofit in the whole world that has a team in the Super Bowl this year.

**That is really weird and I find it really cool.**

## FACTS & FIGURES

**WisGOP:** Wants you to present a photo ID whenever you vote to curb "widespread voter fraud..." *...but these are the FACTS & FIGURES.*

**FACT:** There is no evidence of widespread voter fraud in the state of Wisconsin.

**FIGURE:** There were only 11 documented cases of voter fraud in Wisconsin in the 2008 election.

**FIGURE:** Of those 11, eight were felons who should not have been registered which would not have been affected by this proposed voter ID law.

**FIGURE:** That leaves 3 possibly bad votes out of nearly 3,000,000 or 0.000001%

**FACT:** This bill is modeled after a Voter ID law in Indiana where voters are more likely to have state issued ID's

**FIGURE:** In Wisconsin, 23% of elderly, 55% of African American men, 49% of African American women, 46% of Hispanic men, 59% of Hispanic woman, 78% of African American males age 18-24, and 66% of African American women age 18-24, do not have a state issued ID.

**FACT:** There are more DMV's in Indiana than in Wisconsin and they are open longer as well.

**FIGURE:** 26% of Wisconsin's 91 DMV's are open one day a month or less, while none of Indiana's are open less than 100 days per year and nearly all are open over 250 days

**FIGURE:** Three of Wisconsin counties have no DMV's

**FIGURE:** Expanding the DMV to provide adequate access to voters to register at the DMV could increase the \$70 million biennial Wisconsin DMV budget by as much as 50% on top of the current \$5 million price tag

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## CALL TO CONVENTION!

**2011 3rd Congressional Democratic Party Convention**  
To be held April 16 in Dunn County—exact time, location, and details on becoming a delegate to be released shortly.

**Democratic Party of Wisconsin State Convention**  
June 3rd & 4th—Hyatt and Regency, 333 West Kilbourn Ave.  
Milwaukee, WI 53203. Details on becoming a delegate to be released as soon as possible.



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