



WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE  
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10<sup>TH</sup> ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

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Governor Jim Doyle  
State of Wisconsin  
State Capitol – Room 115 East  
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Governor Doyle:

I am respectfully requesting that you call a special session of the Wisconsin State Legislature regarding Wisconsin's mandatory auto insurance law. I have been hearing from constituents regarding the unintended, negative impact and undue burden this law could have on their lives. I, as well as the constituents that I have spoken with, believe that all drivers should have auto insurance. However, with the high unemployment rate in the city of Milwaukee and the financial hardship that many families are currently experiencing, the punitive damages attached to this law and the potential of losing one's vehicle are of great concern. Listed below are a few of the concerns that I am hearing about:

- Increased financial burden on low-income residents paying insurance premiums
- Unemployed workers hindered in finding employment because of their inability to pay for automobile insurance
- Workers who could potentially lose their jobs because they cannot drive to work
- Increased fines for minor traffic stops & violations
- Additional costs associated with towing, impoundment and storage fees
- Possible forfeiture of the vehicle if individuals cannot pay the costs associated with impoundment and storage
- Potential rise in altercations with law enforcement

Although I believe mandatory auto insurance is a necessity in our state, the unforeseen consequences this law is having on the low-income and unemployed needs to be reassessed. It is my hope that you will call upon the State Legislature to deal with these issues. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Annette Polly Williams  
Wisconsin State Representative  
10<sup>th</sup> Assembly District