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STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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Dear [Redacted]

I am writing to let you know of my intention to seek the position of Speaker of the Wisconsin State Assembly at our caucus on November 12th and to ask for your support.

We have all worked very hard over the last several months to take back the majority and we have reason to be proud of our success. But while the election may be over, our most important work has just begun. On Inauguration Day in January, we need to hit the ground running and begin the task of translating our electoral mandate into effective policies that work for the people of Wisconsin. In other words, we need to enact the changes that our constituents have been demanding for years.

We need to change politics as usual in the State Assembly. We must end the destructive politics of division and start bringing people together. We need to return the state's focus to helping Wisconsin families who have suffered under the neglect of the previous majority. And we must begin to restore the trust that the people of Wisconsin once had in their government. We have set the bar high for ourselves, but I know that we are up to the challenge.

Throughout my years at the United Auto Workers and General Motors, my style of leadership has always been one of inclusion and cooperation. I feel that we need this type of leadership in our caucus, because we don't all come from the same mold. We are all different and we each bring an important voice to the table. We need to recognize that, although we have differences on issues that are very important to us, by building consensus and working together we can put Wisconsin back on track.

For most of us, this will be our first time in the majority. The other side is counting on us to make mistakes; with strong and committed leadership, however, we can avoid those pitfalls. I offer my leadership to chart our course through this challenging and exciting time.

Thank you for your consideration. If you wish to talk, please do not hesitate to call me at 608-266-7503. Now and after our caucus on the 12th, my door will always be open.

Sincerely,

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