

Sen. Fitzgerald: Reacts to the passing of Senator Mike Ellis

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Everything I learned about leadership and politics I learned from Senator Ellis. He had already accomplished an incredible amount when I first met him in 1994, and I will always be appreciative of the time I got to serve with him.

Mike's personality and character were only outmatched by his dedication to public service. He ferociously fought for his constituents and his district, even when it meant challenging his own caucus or negotiating a deal that seemed impossible to reach.

He championed causes throughout his life and career that have left a lasting impression on this state and truly made Wisconsin a better place to raise a family. And I know that was important to Mike, being a family man first and a legislator second.

Mike was a friend and mentor to me, and he will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with Sandy and the Ellis family during this difficult time.