

U.S. Sen. Baldwin: Wraps First Week of 'Delivering for Wisconsin Tour'

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WISCONSIN– This week, U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) kicked off her Delivering for Wisconsin Tour in Green Bay, Wausau, Eau Claire, Durand and La Crosse to highlight direct support she's brought home for communities across Wisconsin to invest in Wisconsinites health and safety, create good-paying jobs, and support Made in Wisconsin businesses.

"I'm proud to be working for Wisconsin every day in Washington to deliver the resources to keep our communities safe and healthy, connect Wisconsinites with good paying jobs, and grow our Made in Wisconsin businesses," **said Senator Baldwin.** "My work is directly informed by what I hear from Wisconsinites while traveling the state, and I am proud to bring home results for them to address their kitchen table issues – lowering costs, creating family-supporting jobs, and expanding access to affordable, high-quality mental health care. "

Monday, April 10

Senator Baldwin started the week in Green Bay, touring the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline call center and hosting a roundtable discussion with Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers, local leaders, and mental health providers. Senator Baldwin highlighted her work to create the hotline through bipartisan legislation and to support 988 in Wisconsin through her role on the Appropriations Committee. Senator Baldwin successfully secured \$3 million in this year's budget to support implementation in Wisconsin and passed new legislation to strengthen the hotline.



Baldwin, Evers visit Green Bay to discuss her 988 Suicide and Crisis Line

Tuesday, April 11

In Wausau, Senator Baldwin toured the Wausau Fire Department to discuss how federal funding is helping the department hire additional firefighters and her effort to pass legislation to ensure fire departments have the needed equipment, protective gear, and funding. In 2022, the Wausau Fire Department was awarded over \$3 million from a federal Staffing for Effective Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant to fully fund nine new firefighter positions for three years, allowing them to better meet increasing call demand and responsibilities for emergency response.



Wausau Mayor Katie Rosenberg, Senator Baldwin and Wausau Fire Chief Robert Barteck

Senator Baldwin then stopped by Marieke Gouda Cheese Shop in Thorp to discuss how her Dairy Business Innovation Initiative helped the company respond to market changes and purchase equipment needed to package their products in single-serve packages. Senator Baldwin got the Dairy Business Innovation Initiative passed into law in the 2018 Farm Bill and has consistently delivered funding for the program in subsequent years to support the Made in Wisconsin dairy industry. The program helps dairy businesses diversify products, expand markets and customer base, and encourage the use of regional milk production.



Senator Baldwin visits Marieke Gouda in Thorp

Wednesday, April 12

Senator Baldwin visited Chippewa Valley Technical College (CVTC) in Eau Claire to discuss her support for workforce training programs that connect more Wisconsinites with good-paying jobs in health care, especially in rural areas. At CVTC, Senator Baldwin hosted a roundtable to discuss the more than \$4.99 million she helped secure to support a regional effort to recruit, train, and prepare critical healthcare professionals across rural western Wisconsin.



Senator Baldwin talks work force training for health care at Chippewa Valley Tech

Thursday, April 13

Senator Baldwin continued her Delivering for Wisconsin Tour in Durand and La Crosse to discuss funding she secured in the 2023 federal budget to support emergency medical care and address the mental health crisis. In Durand, Senator Baldwin visited AdventHealth to learn how the \$916,000 she secured will be used to expand and modernize their ambulance bay. In La Crosse, Senator Baldwin hosted a roundtable discussion on mental health and public safety, highlighting the \$450,000 she brought home to Family and Children's Center Wisconsin to allow them to serve more Wisconsinites.



Senator Baldwin hosts roundtable in La Crosse to discuss mental health

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