

We the Irrelevant queried legislators via open records requests. They were asked to provide records of all citizen contacts received within a specific time frame, including letters, emails, and phone calls. Those contacts were tallied and published at www.we-the-irrelevant.org. This spreadsheet lists the issues/bills queried, how many contacts were opposed, how many were in favor, and how the legislator voted. Challengers on the Nov. 3, 2020 ballot and their contact information may be found on the bottom of page 2.

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NR = legislator did not respond
DNQ = did not query
DNV = legislator did not vote
BLANK = no individual vote list available

Assembly District 44
Debra Kolste (D-Janesville) 2012
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Date Queried	Bill/Issue	Contacts		KOLSTE VOTED	NOTES
		OPPOSED	IN FAVOR		
	Totals	76	52		

Oct.- Nov. 2015	AB388/SB294 Dismantle Government Accountability Board	DNQ	DNQ	NO	PASSED
	AB837/SB292 Change campaign finance law to allow coordination & higher contributions	DNQ	DNQ	DNV	PASSED
	AB68/SB43 Exempt politicians from John Doe investigations	DNQ	DNQ	NO	PASSED

Feb. 2016	Contacts regarding 8 different education bills favoring private schools and the voucher program	DNQ	DNQ	NO	SB 21: Significant portions of these 8 bills passed as part of Gov. Walker's budget bill, 2015-16. It is the legislator's budget vote that's noted here.
	Expressions of support for fully funding public education				

April 2016	AB600/SB459 Navigable waters & wetland regulation	DNQ	DNQ	NO	PASSED
	AB603/SB477 County shoreland ordinances & setback activities	DNQ	DNQ	NO	PASSED
	AB804/SB654 Energy funding; sulfur dioxide compliance; DNR permitting; navigable water	DNQ	DNQ	NO	PASSED
	AB874/SB239 Replacement, reconstruction and transfer of approved high-cap well	DNQ	DNQ	NO	PASSED
	4 additional water bills: AB554/SB432	DNQ	DNQ	VOICE VOTE	PASSED
	AB582/SB464			NO	PASSED
	AB640/SB49			NO	DID NOT PASS
AB477/SB291	VOICE VOTE			DID NOT PASS	

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Jan. 2017 Members of 7 committees	Fire DNR Scientists	DNQ	DNQ	NO	These measures did not pass as individual bills. Rather, they were included in Gov. Walker's biennial budget. It is the legislator's budget vote that's noted here. Only members of the 7 committees queried will have contact tallies.
	Cut stewardship fund				
	Defund state parks				
	Weaken water/environmental protections				
Feb. 2017	OSPP: Plan for state take-over of Milwaukee Public Schools	DNQ	DNQ	NO	Included in Act 55, the budget bill. It is the legislator's budget vote that's noted here.
Dec. 2018 Lame Duck Session	Stripping away previously held executive powers prior to the inauguration of Gov. Evers and AG Kaul.	63	0	DNV DNV NO	PASSED
May 2019 Members of the Joint Finance Committee	Increased funding for public education must be a budget priority	DNQ	DNQ	NO	JFC passed a budget (AB 56) that cut Gov. Evers' education recommendations by nearly half. It is the legislator's budget vote that's noted here. Only JFC members will have contact tallies.
Nov. 2019 Gov. Evers called a special session	Consider universal background checks and a "red flag" law	13	52		Sessions gavelled open and shut; no debate, no votes taken
Challenger(s) on the Nov. 3, 2020 Ballot					
Party	Name	Website/Other		Email	
Dem	Sue Conley	https://conleyforwi.wordpress.com/?fbclid=IwAR1MSqjzmvV4_PmnQrhd163j1Lp6usdRRGfnquix1gi0ZVhohud9viHJvA%2F			
Rep	DuWayne Severson	https://seversonforassembly.com/			