



# Alberta Darling

Wisconsin State Senator | District 8

March 3, 2021

Emma Lewis  
American Oversight  
records@americanoversight.org

Dear Emma,

“This letter is written in response to your open records request addressed to me, dated February 5, 2021, in which you request:

“Any records reflecting the objection cited in the withholding of funds from Milwaukee and Dane Counties,<sup>5</sup> including but not limited to any written complaints, as well as any records memorializing the objection, such as: meeting notes; communications with the complainant, or other committee members; or policy documents or guidance.

Please provide all responsive records from November 3, 2020, through December 11, 2020.”

We have completed a review and identified responsive records. Those records will be included in one pdf file. We are now considering your request closed. Please contact me if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

Senator Alberta Darling

## Kirchner, Noah

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**From:** Kirchner, Noah  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 16, 2020 11:18 AM  
**To:** 'Helen Harris'  
**Subject:** RE: Weekly E-Update

Dear Helen,

Thank you for reaching out to Senator Darling's office regarding the delay in reimbursing municipal clerks for the recount. I will be sure to pass along your thoughts.

It is important to note that the Trump campaign already paid \$3 million up front for the estimated cost of the recount, which was received by the Wisconsin Elections Commission, and both Dane and Milwaukee Counties will be reimbursed in the near future. The letter that you may have seen circulating with Senator Darling's signature was due to an objection by a member of the committee because the clerks in those counties have not yet provided the final cost of the recount.

Clerks have until January to provide that final amount, and it is my understanding that they will be reimbursed for the cost as soon as the final amount is known. The objection was not raised by Senator Darling, so I cannot speak to any further rationale for objecting, though it certainly was not political in nature.

Please let me know if you have any questions or further comments for me to pass along.

Best regards,

Noah

**Noah Kirchner**

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**From:** Helen Harris <hjarrisr@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 11, 2020 6:28 PM  
**To:** Sen.Darling <Sen.Darling@legis.wisconsin.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Weekly E-Update

Dear Senator Darling,

I heard on television that some Republicans, including you, are holding the money Trump paid for the recount. Please let me know if this is true. I live in Milwaukee, and as a taxpayer, I don't want to pay for Trump's recount. This was a fair transaction and Trump knew what it was. The workers who gave up time to be with their families and risk catching the virus need to be paid and not at tax payers' expense. Trump agreed to pay the money and it should be released to the city and county as soon as possible. Rules cannot be changed after the fact. I trust that you are a fair minded and honest person, even though we disagree politically.

Sincerely,  
Helen Harris

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 11, 2020, at 10:48 AM, Helen Harris <[hjharrisr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hjharrisr@sbcglobal.net)> wrote:

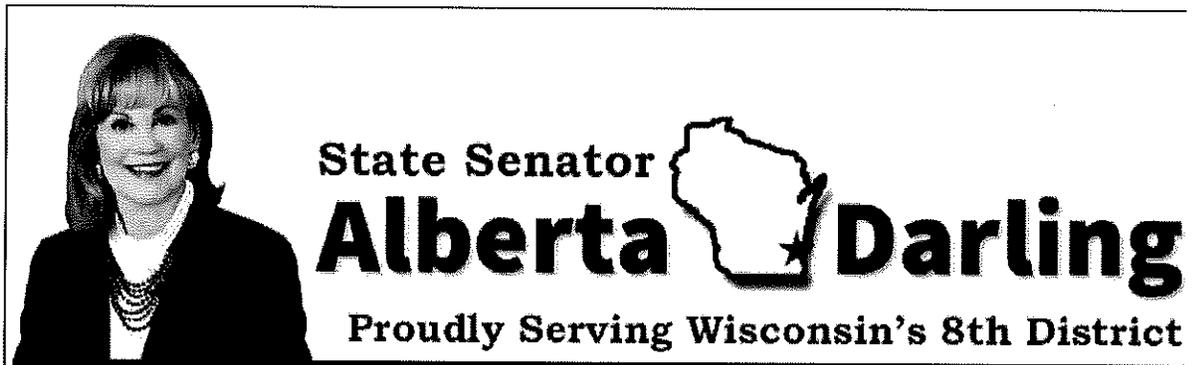
Hello Senator Darling,

Are the invited speakers from both parties so that we have a fair assessment of any alleged voting problems? I would be very concerned if all speakers are on one side of the issue because constituents deserve to hear from both sides so they can judge the truth for themselves based on the evidence and explanations. Don't you agree?

Sincerely,  
Helen Harris

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 10, 2020, at 5:01 PM, State Senator Alberta Darling  
<[sen.darling@legis.wi.gov](mailto:sen.darling@legis.wi.gov)> wrote:



Dear Friends,

I hope you are well. Tomorrow, the Legislature will hold a joint hearing of both the Senate and Assembly Committees on Elections. As you may know, the committees are collecting information on potential issues from the November 3rd election. Friday's hearing will feature testimony from invited speakers and will start at 10:00 am. You can watch the hearing on [WisconsinEye](#).

This week, the Joint Committee on Finance approved \$25 million in tax credits offered by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) to help Molson-Coors expand in Milwaukee. The expansion is expected to bring 377 jobs to our area, with an average wage of \$57 an hour. That's great news for our area and our state. I'm glad to see WEDC still delivering for working families in Wisconsin.

We continue to see thousands of new COVID-19 infections each day in our state. I ask every Wisconsinite to take the virus seriously and take precautions. Please be careful and continue to follow [CDC guidelines](#), wear a mask, social distance, and wash your hands. It's important to avoid lockdowns that create their own health crises in delayed medical care, mental health stresses, and the loss of businesses and jobs.

As always, if you have any concerns or ideas on how to improve our great state, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at 608-266-5830 or by email at [Sen.Darling@legis.wisconsin.gov](mailto:Sen.Darling@legis.wisconsin.gov).

On, Wisconsin!

*DeWitta*

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## Darling to Chair Education Committee



For the upcoming Legislative Session, I will be taking on the challenge of reforming education to ensure every child in Wisconsin has access to a quality education.

This week, Senator Devin LeMahieu named me as the new chair of the Senate Committee on Education. I am excited about the opportunity.

As a former teacher, I have always been interested in education policy and reform opportunities. The COVID-19 pandemic has brought forth many new challenges for our parents, educators, and students. I want families to feel confident that their schools are giving children the best possible chance at a bright future and protecting the tax dollars that go along with it.

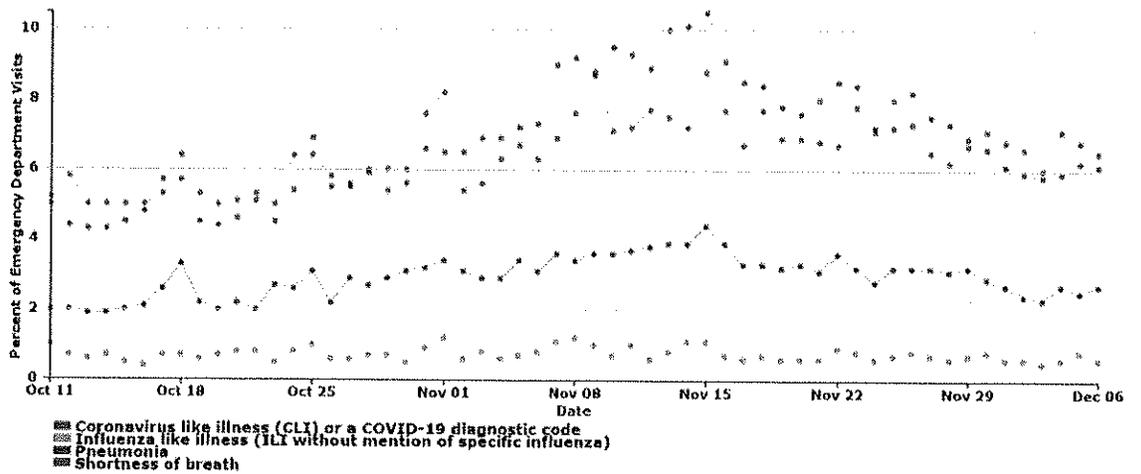
Next session, I will also serve as Vice-Chair of the Senate Committee on Elections, Election Process, and Ethics, as a member of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety, as a member of the Senate Committee on Universities and Technical Colleges, and on the Joint Committees on Retirement Systems and Legislative Council.



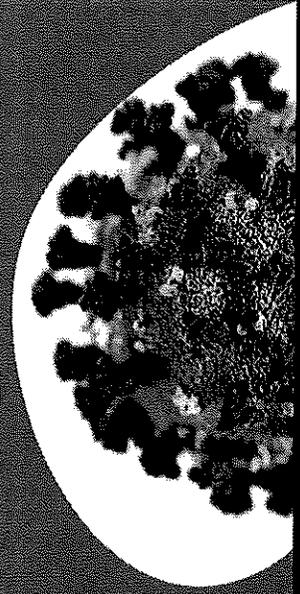


County/Population	Confirmed Cases	% of Population Positive	Recovered	Active Cases	Total Deaths	% of Population Deaths
Milwaukee - 954,209	74,497	7.80%	64,177	8,492	800	0.08%
Ozaukee - 88,284	5,307	6.01%	4,491	773	43	0.05%
Washington - 134,535	9,878	7.34%	8,213	1,581	82	0.06%
Waukesha - 398,879	29,133	7.30%	24,548	4,316	264	0.07%
Wisconsin - 5,822,000	422,065	7.25%	363,504	54,599	3,887	0.67%

Percentage of ED visits by syndrome in Wisconsin: COVID-19-Like Illness, Shortness of Breath, Pneumonia, and Influenza-Like Illness



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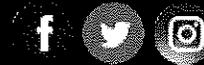
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