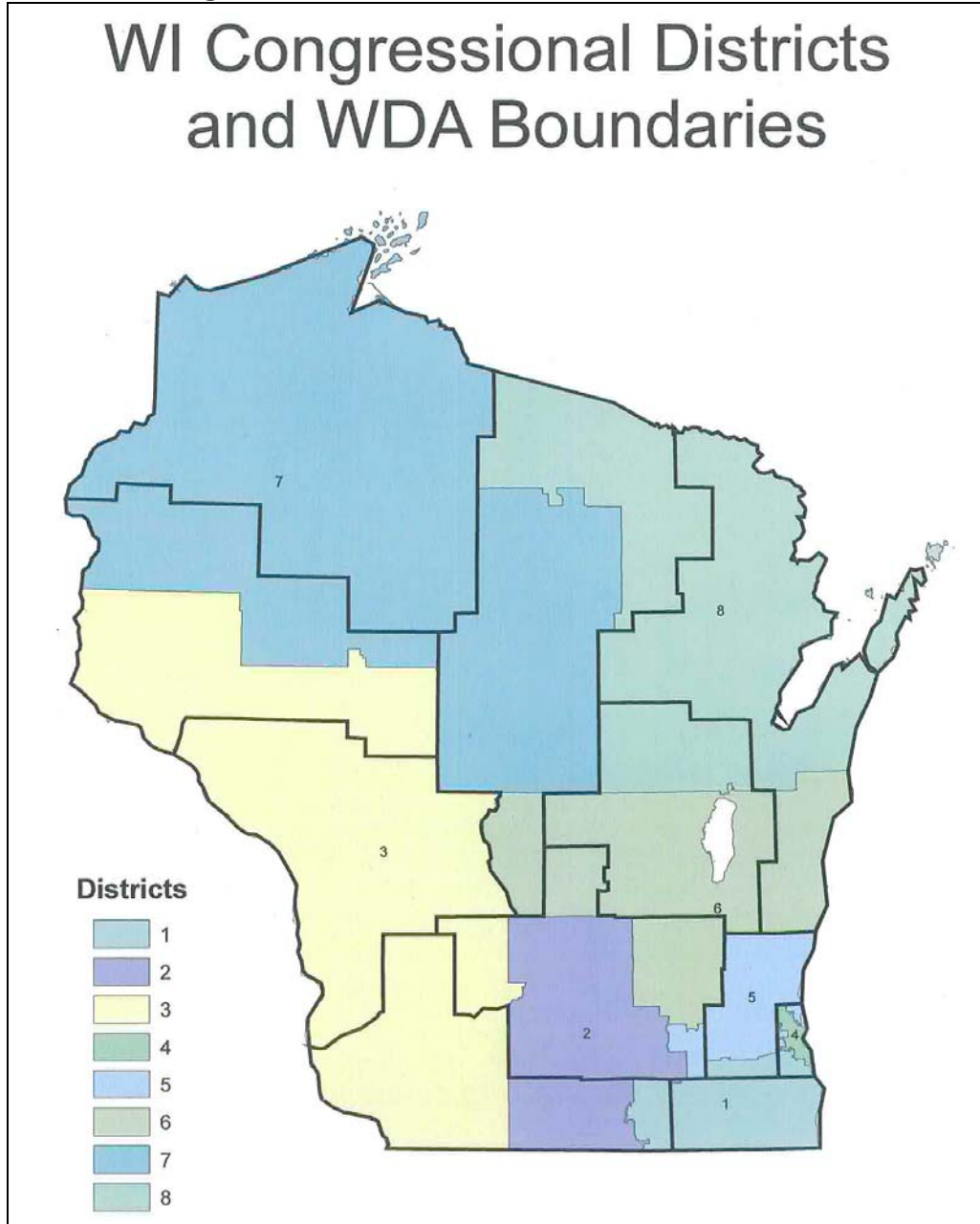




Advocacy at the Federal Level

Workforce Board members represent a variety of interests in the community and are most familiar with what is happening at the local level. Due to their unique perspective on how policy decisions can affect local job seekers and businesses, Workforce Council members are often called upon to advocate for the local workforce system by providing information to their State and Federal representatives.

Representation: Federal Congressional Districts



District 1- Paul Ryan; District 2- Tammy Baldwin; District 3- Ron Kind; District 4- Gwendolynne Moore; District 5- James Sensenbrenner, Jr.; District 6- Tom Petri, District 7- David Obey; District 8- Steven Kagen

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Correspondence/Convey Your Opinion on an Issue:

Due to mail security measures in Washington, DC, fax or e-mail is the best way to contact legislators. Most offices do not provide a direct e-mail address, but offer a web-based form on which to submit comments. As a rule, most offices respond to all correspondence via postal mail. Due to workload restrictions, legislators will only respond to constituent comments, so be sure to include your full address on your correspondence. If you prefer to call a legislator's office to convey your views, they will track your comments but often will respond in writing only if requested to do so.

Invitations/Schedule a Meeting*: If you would like to invite your member of congress to a meeting or event in Minnesota, contact their local office scheduler. Most offices have a protocol for invitations, and the scheduler will tell you what information they need to process your request. Due to member's travel schedules, they are often unable to attend events held during the week; therefore, it may be helpful to invite the Member "and/or local office staff."

If you would like to meet with a Member of Congress in Washington, D.C., contact their DC office scheduler. Member's calendars fill up quickly, so it is best to request meetings several weeks (or months, if possible!) in advance. If the Member is not available to meet with you, there should be the opportunity to meet with staff - usually the Legislative Assistant who handles labor issues.

Grant Support Letters*: Members of Congress will often write letters of support for local Federal Grant proposals. Each office has a different process to handle these requests; the best thing to do is contact the grants manager and ask what information they need to secure a letter of support from the Congressperson. Requests should be made as early as possible, as most Congressional correspondence goes through a sometimes lengthy approval process.

Earmarks:

In the budget and appropriations process, Members of Congress can request "earmarks," or special funding for specific projects in their district. Generally, Congressional offices will start compiling requests in the spring of the year. To pursue an earmark, it is best to contact the legislative assistant who handles appropriations and ask what their process is, as it varies from office to office.

Tracking Legislation:

To Look Up a Bill Online:

<http://thomas.loc.gov/home/search.html>

To Find How Your Representative Voted:

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