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Wisconsin Assembly Democrats: Let's Get to Work

Democratic Weekly Radio Address

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Hi, I'm State Representative Jonathan Brostoff and welcome to this week's Democratic Radio Address.

2017 was a hard year for Wisconsin and for the nation.

At moments it felt like our country was being torn apart and as we reflect on 2017 and look forward to the year ahead, it is important to recognize the unique nature of this point in time.

So I started my morning playing basketball at the Y as I usually do and it got me actually thinking on 2017 and reflecting a little bit.

When you are working out, think about what you are actually doing. You are tearing your muscles and in that moment it looks so painful and it feels terrible, but we know when those muscles are done tearing, they are going to actually rebuild and repair themselves and actually come out stronger than they were before.

Now think about a particularly painful moment during this last year, a tweet, a hurtful comment, or a terrible rant, and in that moment it felt like we were being torn apart.

But we survived 2017 and 2018 will be a year of rebuilding.

A year of more civic engagement, more activism, more advocacy.

A year where we will come back together stronger and after the year of 2017 and the divisions we experienced, that's what we need.

We need to be investing in our public schools, creating a living wage in Wisconsin, making healthcare a right for everyone.

2017 was hard. We survived it and we are going to be stronger for it. Together we can make 2018 a much more successful year. We can get those things done. Let's do it.

Happy New Year. Let's get to work.

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