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***Kerkman Announces Re-Election Bid for the 61st Assembly District
Will continue to get the Job Done for Kenosha County***

Salem Lakes ... Setting aside an opportunity to run for Congress this year, State Representative Samantha Kerkman has announced that she will seek re-election to the 61st Assembly District. The district includes Towns of Brighton, Paris, Randall, Somers and the Villages of Bristol, Paddock Lake, Pleasant Prairie, Salem Lakes, Somers wards 1, 2, 3, 4 & 11, Twin Lakes, and the City of Kenosha wards 88, 89 & 90.

"I want to use my experience and knowledge to continue to lay the groundwork at the state level which attracts jobs and investment in Kenosha County," said Samantha Kerkman. "I've worked closely with local leaders to create a business-friendly climate that has led to the lowest unemployment rate in Wisconsin's history, 2.9%." Kenosha County is leading the way in job creation with 8,400 new jobs since 2013.

Kerkman has also been a leader in addressing waste, fraud, and abuse in state government – from an audit of the FoodShare program in 2012 that prompted reforms, to increasing transparency and improving planning for major projects at DOT, to implementing criminal penalties for the worst unemployment insurance cheats. She has also been an advocate for children, authoring and passing the Shaken Baby law, Caylee's law, and the locker-room privacy law.

In addition to her duties in Madison, Kerkman remains dedicated to community activities and organizations. She serves on the Kenosha County Local Emergency Management Planning Committee, Twin Lakes and Kenosha Area Business Alliance and is a member of St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Wheatland.

"I remain passionate about my commitment to serving the residents of the 61st Assembly District. Countless conversations with friends, neighbors and engaged citizens throughout Kenosha County assure me that across our varied viewpoints, we are invested together in making the state the best place to live, work, and raise a family."

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