

Medicaid pays for the cost of long-term care senior citizens receive in nursing homes after they have exhausted their private resources. Wisconsin law allows individuals to claim a subtraction on the Wisconsin income tax return for the amount paid during the taxable year for a long-term care insurance policy that covers the individual or his or her spouse. Should Wisconsin adopt any other policies to help increase participation in long-term care insurance? Client: Chair, Wisconsin Senate Committee on Public Health, Senior Issues, Long-Term Care, and Job Creation

The Community Living Assistance Services and Supports (CLASS) Act is set out in Title VIII of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Although it requires participating employers to enroll all their workers in the program, individual employees may opt out of coverage. Should the CLASS Act be kept, modified, or eliminated from the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act? Client: Chair, House Subcommittee on Health, Committee on Energy and Commerce

China provides substantial subsidies to its growing green industry. What policies, if any, should the United States adopt to ensure that its industries remain competitive in solar, wind, and other alternative energy sources? Client: Chair, Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Should Wisconsin adopt policies to encourage the use of human papillomavirus vaccine? Client: Chair, Assembly Committee on Public Health

Pharmaceutical companies often hire medical school faculty to deliver talks supporting the use of their products. Many medical schools have voluntarily adopted policies prohibiting or limiting such activity. However, these policies do not appear to be fully implemented. Should the federal government adopt policies either to regulate such promotional activity or to make it more transparent? Client: Chair, Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Since 1920 the Jones Act has required that all water transport between U.S. ports be carried on U.S. made ships that are owned and crewed by U.S. citizens or residents. Should the Jones Act be repealed or modified? Chair: Chair, House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation

The federal government pays for dialysis through the End Stage Renal Disease Program. Concerns have been raised about the quality of the services provided to patients at dialysis centers. What steps, if any, should the federal government take to improve the quality of dialysis services? Client: Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services

Congressman Paul Ryan and economist Alice Rivlin have proposed substantial changes to Medicare. One set of changes concern the structure of cost sharing under Medicare and limits on the extent to which medigap policies can cover Medicare deductibles and co-payments. Should the Obama administration support these cost-sharing changes? Client: Director, Domestic Policy Council

In 2009 Congress passes the Family Smoking Prevention and Control Act gives the Food and

Drug Administration authority to regulate the characteristics of current and future tobacco products. Should the FDA seek to encourage or discourage the introduction of cigarettes or smokeless tobacco products that pose a smaller health risk to users than current products?

Client: Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration

Nanotechnology is being increasingly used in the design of drug delivery systems. Does the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have adequate resources for assessing the safety of these products within the existing regulatory framework? Client: Director, National Nanotechnology Coordination Office

On December 21, 2010 the Federal Communications Commission voted three to two to adopt “net neutrality” (FCC 10-201). The ruling has already draw fire both from those who think it went too far and those who think it did not go far enough. Should Congress address the issue of net neutrality legislatively? Client: Chair, Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee

The U.S. corporate income tax has been attacked on a number of grounds, ranging from the inefficiency resulting from efforts to avoid it to the perceived unfairness of major corporations avoiding payments altogether. Consider alternatives for major restructuring or elimination the corporate income tax. Client: Joint Committee on Taxation

In light of *Citizens United v Federal Elections Commission* should Wisconsin change disclosure and disclaimer rules related to campaign and advocacy expenditures? Client: Chair, Wisconsin Senate Committee on Judiciary, Corrections, Insurance, Campaign Finance Reform, and Housing

The Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act of 2006 attempts to eliminate on-line gambling by prohibiting banks and financial companies from making gambling-related funds transfers. Should the Department of Justice issues regulations or seek clarifying legislation on the status of on-line poker and other card games with respect to the 2006 Act? Client: U.S. Attorney General

On July 26, 2010, the U.S. Department of Education proposed rules that would affect the information for-profit universities and colleges provide to prospective students. Should these rules be encouraged or should Congress change the framework under which for-profit university and colleges are regulated? Client: Chair, Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Should Wisconsin take steps to accelerate the adoption of anaerobic digesters? Specifically, consider a requirement for the use of this technology by “large” dairy farms. Client: Chair, Senate Committee on Environment

Gas fractionization technology has dramatically increased the supply of natural gas within the

United States. Indeed, some liquified natural gas facilities intended for importing natural gas may actually be used to export it. However, there are serious environmental concerns about the process. How should this industry be regulated to encourage its environmentally safe development? Client: Chair, Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works

Until its closure in 2002, the Mountain Pass mine in California produced rare earth elements for domestic use. The initial closure had limited economic impact because China was exporting rare earth elements at low prices. However, the national security and economic risks of relying so heavily on Chinese supply became apparent in 2010 when China cut its exports to meet increasing demand for rare earth elements by Chinese industry. Should the United States adopt any policies to make it less vulnerable to fluctuations in the price and availability of rare earth elements? Client: Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

States with two-party consent laws, which require both parties to a communication to give consent for electronic recording, have used these laws to prohibit people from recording the actions of policy officers and other public officials. Even in some of the majority of states that have one-party consent rules, which allow a party to a communication to record it electronically without permission from the other party, people have been prohibited from recording the actions of policy and other public officials. Should the federal government take steps to guarantee the right of citizens to make video or audio recordings of police and other public officials. Client: Chair, House Committee on the Judiciary

Currently, Wisconsin regulations require that wind turbines be no closer than 1,250 feet from existing residences. Governor Walker has proposed that this distance be extended to 1,800 feet. Should Wisconsin change its regulation of wind turbine siting? Client: Chair, Senate Committee on Economic Development and Veterans and Military Affairs

On January 1, 2010, group health insurance plans in Wisconsin were mandated to provide coverage for artificial birth control. At least one Catholic Diocese has threatened that it will fire any employees who use this insurance benefit. Should the mandate be changed in any way? Client: Chair, Senate Committee on Health, Health Insurance, Privacy, Property Tax Relief, and Revenue

On October 25, 2006 the U.S. Department of Education issued rules governing same-sex classrooms and schools. Should Wisconsin adopt rules to encourage, discourage, or better oversee the use of same-sex public schools and classrooms? Client: State Superintendent, Department of Public Instruction

On October 14, 2010, Doctors without Borders sent a letter to the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Agriculture noting deficiencies in the food aid that the United States provides to help prevent malnourishment among poor children in developing countries. (Available at http://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/publications/article_print.cfm?id=4797.) Should the United States change its food aid policies to make them more effective in preventing malnourishment among children under two-years of age? Client: Chair, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Progress in stemming the decline in rhinoceros populations has recently reversed with increased poaching as the black market price of rhinoceros horns has risen to as much as \$60 thousand per kilogram. Should the U.S. government increase aid to the South African National Parks or take other steps to help preserve rhinoceros populations? Client: U.S. Secretary of State

The United Nations program, Safe Access to Firewood and Alternative Energy in Humanitarian Settings (SAFE), will provide energy efficient stoves refugees and internally displaced persons in 36 countries. Although the program is primarily aimed at reducing the risk to women and girls who must collect firewood, the more efficient stoves also have potential value in curbing global climate change. Should a followup program aimed at increasing the use of more efficient stoves by resident populations be implemented? Client: Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations