Dear Readers:

I am very grateful to you and the other citizens of Wisconsin for the privilege and honor of letting me be a public servant for you. The greatest thing about being the Governor is knowing that I work for so many fine bosses — the people of Wisconsin.

Many years ago, Edmund Burke said that the only thing necessary for evil to triumph in the world was for good people to do nothing. More recently, an anonymous philosopher said, "Lead, follow or get out of the way!"

This Blue Book provides you with valuable information so that you can become leaders in shaping state policy by becoming more involved in government. I invite you to use this information and participate more fully in Wisconsin state government.

I also invite you to join me in a partnership that will benefit all Wisconsin residents. Together, we can create more jobs. We can make state government more cost-efficient and cost-effective. We can also maintain and enhance the quality of life we all enjoy in Wisconsin.

We can achieve these goals and many more goals if we work together.

That's why I hope your use of this Blue Book will inspire and enable you to participate more in your state government. None of us is smarter than all of us. Together, we can solve problems and propel Wisconsin into a new era of unprecedented prosperity.

Sincerely

TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor