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Dear Readers:

As a participant in Wisconsin state government for nearly 30 years, including 20 years in the state Assembly, I believe you will find the 1993-94 Blue Book filled with valuable and fascinating information about our government.

This edition features Wisconsin's legislative process, enabling readers to gain a better understanding of what goes on inside the State Capitol.

Wisconsin's lawmaking process has a tradition of creating landmark legislation. In the earlier 1900's, the state passed laws creating the nation's first vocational school system and worker's compensation program. In addition, our environmental legislation has long been recognized as a model for the nation.

Wisconsin's tradition of innovative government has continued since I became Governor with the passage of legislation that led to the creation of the nation's first private school choice program, several welfare reform programs and the first youth apprenticeship program.

I am proud to be a part of such an impressive heritage of strong and effective government and I encourage all our citizens to join in continuing this tradition.

The 1993-94 Blue Book serves as an informative and historical guide for all who wish to become involved in our state government. I urge all of you to use it in an effort to better understand and participate in our government so together, as partners, we can meet the challenges ahead and continue to build a strong Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor