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# Milwaukee County

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Date: Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017

To: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Chris Abele, County Executive

Subject: Resolution in support of retaining and expanding Wisconsin's Aging and Disability Resource Center's Dementia Care Specialist Program and Promoting the Work of Milwaukee County's Aging and Disability Resource Centers

Pursuant to statutory authority granted to me, I am submitting for the Board's consideration and action a resolution in support of retaining and expanding Wisconsin's Aging and Disability Resource Center's Dementia Care Specialist program and promoting the work of Milwaukee County's Aging and Disability Resource Centers.

Sup. Steve Taylor is a tireless advocate for our Aging community and has already signed on as a cosponsor of this resolution. I hope to earn the support of the entire County Board of Supervisors so that we can present a strong, united voice in support of this critical funding.

Dementia care specialists are highly trained caregivers and advocates who help people with dementia remain in their homes and continue to be a part of their community. In partnership with local Aging and Disability Resource Centers, patients, caregivers, health care professionals, local businesses and community partners, dementia care specialists around the state have worked to expand supportive services and improve quality of life. Eliminating funding for these important positions is a huge step backward that will remove valuable expertise and coalition support from the community.

I appreciate the Board's consideration of this matter and urge action in the coming cycle.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Chris Abele".

Chris Abele, County Executive

cc: Supervisor Steve F. Taylor  
Kelly Bablitch, Chief of Staff