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Milwaukee County
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To: Chairman Lipscomb, Milwaukee County Board

From: County Executive Abele

Re: Requiring County Board Chairman Lipscomb to repay the public for dollars expended on a lawsuit he had no standing to file.

Date: March 14, 2016

As you've probably heard, Judge Sosnay ruled on 2/29 that Chairman Lipscomb did not have authority to unilaterally bring forward a lawsuit on behalf of the County or County Board. Implicit in that is that the Chairman also did not have authority to spend taxpayer dollars on this lawsuit. As Supervisors, I know you all take seriously your responsibility to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars and our budget. The right thing for Chairman Lipscomb to do at this point would be to hold the County financially harmless. I ask that you join me in making sure taxpayer dollars are protected and not spent by elected officials at their whim. I have attached a resolution for your consideration that ensures that no taxpayer dollars are spent on this unauthorized lawsuit. In the meantime, I hope we can all focus on the job we were elected to do – serve the people of Milwaukee County.