



OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER

*Milwaukee County*

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Re: Recommendation of Dr. Wieslawa Tlomak for position of Milwaukee County Chief Medical Examiner

I am writing in support of Dr. Wieslawa Tlomak for the position of Milwaukee County Chief Medical Examiner. In the 5 years that I have worked with her, I have found Dr. Tlomak to be a hard-working, detail-oriented pathologist dedicated to her role in the office and to the citizens of Milwaukee County. She has continuously displayed her organizational skills and high standards in her position as Program Director of the forensic pathology fellowship program at the Medical Examiner's Office. As a pathologist, I believe her to be exceptional, with a focus on detail and adherence to established standards of practice.

I am aware that Dr. Tlomak has weathered a lot of challenges and periods of office turmoil in her 17 years with the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office. Despite those trying times, she has remained resolute in providing excellent forensic pathology, has remained dedicated to Milwaukee County and has maintained high ethical standards. As Interim Chief Medical Examiner, I feel she has shown that she has the professional integrity and dedication to take on the current challenges and direct the office forward. Furthermore, she continues to be committed to training the next generation of forensic pathologists, something that will be of benefit to our office's future. She believes in maintaining a good relationship with the County Executive's Office and understands the importance of working with other departments to achieve our mission. An ME Office cannot exist on an island—she understands that.

I recommend Dr. Tlomak without reservation. At a time when forensic pathology continues to struggle as a profession, with Medical Examiner Offices across the nation grappling with how to hire and retain talented doctors, I feel she is someone who will proactively address these problems so that Milwaukee may enjoy a stable ME office staff for years to come. More important than just understanding the crises in forensic pathology, I feel Dr. Tlomak understands the problems facing our Medical Examiner's office; and, I think she's willing to do what it takes to solve them. In simple terms, she is tried and true and has been serving Milwaukee County for many years. That is the exclamation point of my support for her.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like to discuss my support of her further.

Respectfully Yours,

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