



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Chris Abele

MILWAUKEE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

DATE: June 1, 2017

TO: The Honorable Milwaukee Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chris Abele, Milwaukee County Executive

RE: County Board File No. 17-451 spending more taxpayer dollars on a lawsuit

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I have left File 16-451 unsigned. I do not question the County Board's right to bring lawsuits where it's appropriate. However, as elected officials we must set the highest standards for when taxpayer dollars are spent on legal fees above and beyond the full-time legal department employed by the County. We have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on this lawsuit and are now being forced to spend more because of the County Board's illegal action.