



September 14, 2017

Willie Johnson Jr.
Chair of the Judiciary, Safety, and General Services Committee
901 North 9th Street #201
Milwaukee, WI 53223

Dear Members of the Judiciary, Safety, and General Services Committee,

I would like to formally support the resolution introduced today by Milwaukee County Supervisor Sequanna Taylor to create a policy that will correct the treatment of pregnant or postpartum women in a Milwaukee County correctional facility. I firmly believe this humane decision will create a healthier environment and assure incarcerated women the rights that they deserve.

My support comes after careful consideration regarding the benefits this would bring to expecting or postpartum women in the Milwaukee County correctional facility, as well as Milwaukee's ability to sufficiently accommodate such a simple humane need. As you know, the current practice of shackling pregnant or postpartum women is considered inhumane and outdated, therefore it is imperative that we resolve this issue immediately as it poorly reflects on our county and on the State of Wisconsin.

With these considerations in mind, I praise your decision to have a hearing on this resolution, and applaud your efforts to improve the lives of those housed in the Milwaukee County correctional facility.

Respectfully,

Sincerely,

David C. Crowley
State Assembly Representative
17th Assembly District

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