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MILWAUKEE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

DATE: October 30, 2017

TO: The Honorable Milwaukee Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chris Abele, Milwaukee County Executive

RE: County Board File No. 17-444

I am returning file 17-444 to you unsigned for several reasons.

If the County parks system is able to sustain itself, it has to find ways to partner with others. In this case, a public-public partnership would have resulted in significant capital and operating support to the park, while the County continues to own the park.

This win-win partnership has been debated for years and finally an item passed committee that would have allowed this partnership to move forward. Without prior notice, the item amended on the board floor to remove the capital and operating support. This sends a terrible signal to the community and any entities who want to provide support to the County.