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Milwaukee County

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DATE: September 29, 2015

TO: The Honorable Milwaukee Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chris Abele, Milwaukee County Executive

RE: County Board File No. 15-622 authorizing the amendment of a Professional Services Contract and to authorize the initiation of an action related to Chapter 59, Chapter 63, Chapter 66 and other sections of the Wisconsin State Statutes, as affected by 2013 Wisconsin Act 14 and 2015 Wisconsin Act 55

I agree with the County Board that the powers of the Milwaukee County Board and the Milwaukee County Executive should be clear. Milwaukee County funds its in house Corporation Counsel staff, who report to both the County Board and the County Executive, in part to clarify such questions. Corporation Counsel staff are highly skilled and are well equipped to provide legal guidance on these issues. They have opined on every state legislative change that has impacted Milwaukee County and have found no legal issues or concerns with Act 14 or Act 55.