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## STATE SENATOR

September 14, 2017

Chairman Willie Johnson Jr.  
Committee on Judiciary, Safety and General Services  
Milwaukee County Courthouse  
901 North 9th Street, RM 201  
Milwaukee, WI 53233

Dear Chairman Johnson,

I am writing in full support of county resolution 17-523, which opposes the restraint of pregnant or postpartum women in county custody. This resolution gives clarity to correctional staff and leadership and provides protection and compassion for women in a vulnerable state.

As you already know, Milwaukee County has faced criticism on how individuals in custody are treated, particularly in the case of a women who was shackled for the entirety of her 21-hour labor. The painfully obvious inappropriateness of what happened in this case was lost on former Sheriff David Clarke, but I hope it is not lost on yourself or members of the Milwaukee County Board.

A basic humane set of guidelines for the use of restraints against pregnant and postpartum women is needed in Milwaukee County and this resolution accomplishes just that. This common sense document will ensure humane treatment while protecting county personnel.

Thank you for your consideration of this resolution. If you have any follow questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris Larson".

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7<sup>th</sup> District

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