



# SHELDON A. WASSERMAN

MILWAUKEE COUNTY SUPERVISOR - 3RD DISTRICT

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Dear members of the Judiciary, Safety and General Services committee,

I would like to express my support for Supervisors Taylor, Dimitrijevic and Lipscomb's resolution against the Shackling of Pregnant Women in Milwaukee County correctional facilities. As the former chair of the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board and a practicing physician, I agree with the standards put forth by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists regarding the treatment of pregnant inmates. The practice of restraining pregnant women, in any form, is "demeaning and unnecessary" and best efforts must be made to avoid this practice at all costs.

Having practiced Obstetrics and Gynecology for thirty years, I understand the unique health challenges that pregnant women endure while birthing. The practice of restraining pregnant inmates is dangerous and poses both a threat to the health of the woman and the baby; these women are often of little to no threat to correctional officers or medical staff while imprisoned, as indicated in the resolution.

I wholeheartedly agree with the provisions of the resolution that has been put forth and urge the committee to vote in its favor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sheldon Wasserman".

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