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TRANSMITTED VIA EMAIL

Members of the Milwaukee County Ethics Board:

I am writing regarding Milwaukee County's upcoming contact with Community Advocates, Inc., for the disbursement of Rental Assistance Funding to Milwaukee County citizens. Before this contract is signed, I wanted to disclose that my wife, Ericka Crowley, is an employee at Community Advocates.

Community Advocates was chosen as a community partner and vendor for the disbursement of Rental Assistance Funding due to the long-standing ties between Milwaukee County and their organization, their commitment to serving our communities, and their competency in administering vital programs like this one. My wife's employment did not in any way influence the decision to award Community Advocates, and we have had many contracts with their organization – including a prior contract to disburse a previous tranche of Rental Assistance Funding – that were initiated and executed prior to my wife joining their organization as an employee.

I have consulted with Milwaukee County Corporation Counsel, who advised me that the contract remains proper, and I plan to sign that contract within the next week. This letter will be provided to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors to be appended to the report which will contain this contract to ensure full transparency.

Thank you for your service to Milwaukee County. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

David Crowley
Milwaukee County Executive