

STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
**JONATHAN BROSTOFF**  
19TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

October 15, 2015

Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele  
Milwaukee County Courthouse  
901 N. 9th St.  
Rm. 306  
Milwaukee, WI 53233

Dear Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele:

There is no question that something will need to be done to ensure the safety of our neighbors. The concrete pieces falling onto the road beneath are an undeniable symptom of a larger problem that endangers both those atop and beneath the bridge. What the county does, however, should be simple. Milwaukee's historical Lake Park Concrete Arch Footbridge must be restored or rebuilt with an appropriate amount of community input as to the final design.

Over 100 years old, utilitarian and decorative, this beautiful, arcing marvel greets park goers as they drive along Ravine Road or walk the path the bridge is on. Lake Park was designed by renowned landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted, the same man who designed New York's Central Park.

Removal of the Lake Park Concrete Arch Footbridge may create additional barriers to our neighbors who are not able to use steep and lengthy stairwells. Reparation of the current bridge is only a bandage and will not be sufficient to ensure the ongoing safety and quality of our pathway.

I understand and appreciate that there is a meeting scheduled for October 15th where the public can offer their feedback but there must be more done to solicit public opinion. There should be a series of listening sessions where our neighbors can communicate their wishes. I support having a footbridge that has both form and function and fits the needs of Lake Park and the community.

Thank you for your consideration and service,

Sincerely,

