



# WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE

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May 23, 2013

Representative John Nygren, Co-Chair  
Joint Committee on Finance  
309 East, State Capitol

Senator Alberta Darling, Co-Chair  
Joint Committee on Finance  
317 East, State Capitol

Dear Co-Chairs Nygren and Darling:

We respectfully request that the Joint Committee on Finance revise the Governor's budget proposal regarding domestic violence victim services to provide an additional \$1 million over the biennium. These funds should be allocated to services for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence in all areas of Wisconsin.

Domestic violence shelters in Wisconsin serve approximately 1,400 people per day, but deny service to an estimated 270 people per day. An increase of approximately 22% in the amount of domestic abuse grants available to 58 non-profit agencies and 11 tribes that serve victims in all 72 Wisconsin counties is recommended to add capacity so that victims are not denied services. Economic analysis shows that for every dollar invested in victim services, \$9.25 is saved in property losses, healthcare expenses, police response, lost productivity and other costs.

There is money in the budget for bricks and mortar projects to support domestic violence victims in Madison and Milwaukee. However, over 80% of domestic abuse victims are sheltered in rural counties, and the great majority of domestic violence incidents and homicides occur in counties with a population under 400,000 people.

An additional investment of state dollars for domestic violence services is potentially lifesaving protection for thousands of our most vulnerable citizens. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Representative Amy Loudenberg  
31<sup>st</sup> Assembly District

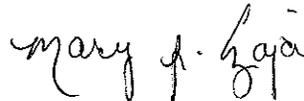
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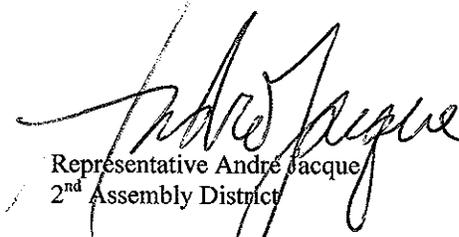
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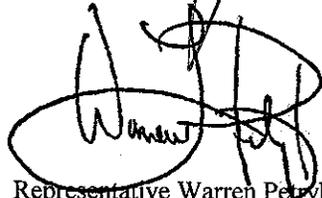
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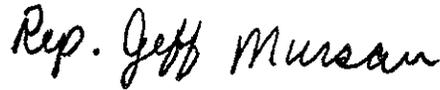
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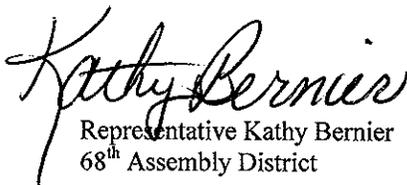
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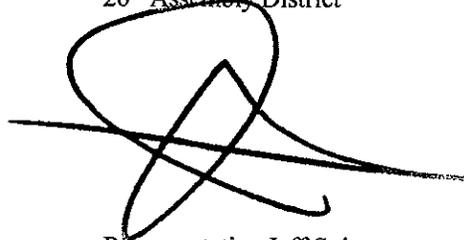
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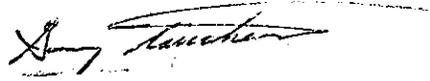
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Representative Tom Larson  
67<sup>th</sup> Assembly District

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Representative Gary Tauchen  
6<sup>th</sup> Assembly District