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WISCONSIN STATE ASSEMBLY

68TH DISTRICT

**Testimony from Representative Kristen Dexter  
February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**Committee on Ways and Means  
In Support of Senate Bill 7**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for allowing me to speak in support of Senate Bill #7 which will correct an oversight that affects a TIF district in the city of Chippewa Falls. As you know, there have been many cases where similar oversights have been corrected in statute, in fact many of you have done this kind of work for one of your hometown communities in the past. These are honest mistakes and simply require our "housekeeping" in order to clean them up.

In this case, I'm referring to TIF #10 in the Lake Wissota Business Park which was designed to begin operations on January 1, 2007. But due to an oversight, the required paperwork did not get to the Department of Revenue in time. So today I'm asking you to approve SB 7 to allow the city to still create the district as if the final paperwork had been filed in a timely manner. Otherwise the city would have to re-start the process and that would affect the contributions already made to improvements in the TIF district.

The city is not seeking to recoup money it was unable to collect in 2007 and 2008. It is not seeking to re-start the clock and extend the TIF's final date. They just want the TIF to be recognized as "officially created" so they can continue their economic development efforts.

I would like to thank Senator Kreitlow and Representative Wood for their work on this bill. Unfortunately Jayson Smith, the Chippewa Falls City Planner, is not here today but I would like to refer you to the testimony entered on his behalf. It specifically describes the circumstances surrounding the oversight.

Thank you all for your time and for convening to meet on just this bill. I hope we'll have your support to quickly pass Senate Bill 7 and support Chippewa Falls.



# City of Chippewa Falls

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TO: Members of the Committee on Ways and Means  
FROM: Jayson Smith, City Planner

RE: Testimony on Behalf of Senate Bill 7, Jayson Smith, City Planner, Chippewa Falls, WI

Dear Committee Members:

Thank you for assisting the City of Chippewa Falls with Senate Bill 7 that will allow the Department of Revenue (DOR) to certify an amendment to TIF District #10 with an effective creation date of January 1, 2007. As you are aware the City did not file the base year packet with the DOR for the amendment by the December 31, 2007 deadline. The TIF #10 amendment was approved in November 2006 and the base year packet did not have to be sent to the DOR until December 31, 2007. During 2007 the City amended three other TIF Districts including 4, 5, and 6. The base year packets for these district amendments were also due on December 31, 2007. The City did submit these on time. However, the City simply overlooked submitting the TIF #10 base year packet given that it had been approved back in November 2006.

It is my understanding that the Assembly Committee meeting to consider the Bill is scheduled for February 17, 2009. I have been notified that I do not have to attend the Committee meeting and am providing this letter explaining what happened in lieu of my attendance. Thank you for your consideration of this request and your assistance.

Sincerely,

Jayson Smith  
City Planner

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