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Committee on
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Members of the Joint Committee on Finance

In the wake of the 2000 Presidential election, the 2001-2003 state budget (2001 Wisconsin Act 16) included a provision that authorized the State Elections Board to assist Green County transition from punch card voting to newer voting technologies. Green County was the only county in the Spring of 2001 still using a punch card system and the state eliminated the option of using punch card voting at about the same time.

In the fall of 2001, Green County spent over \$170,000 to acquire and implement an optical scan electronic voting system to replace its punch card system. It has come to our attention that the State Elections Board has never requested funding from the Joint Committee on Finance to assist Green County with its transition pursuant to the terms of the Act 16.

We believe that the state should make good on its promise of transition assistance to Green County that was contained in the 2001-03 budget. We understand that the Elections Board may be coming to you in the near future to seek funding for that transition, and we would like to take this opportunity to strongly encourage you to support the Board's request regarding Green County.

Sincerely,