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Representative Michael Lehman

CHAIRMAN, WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

FROM:

Roy de la Rosa, Director, Intergovernmental Relations

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February 24, 1999

IN RE:

ASSEMBLY BILL 89

On behalf of Milwaukee County, I would like to express opposition to Assembly Bill 89.

The bill proposes to allow local municipalities the opportunity by ordinance to lessen the fiscal impact of a missed tax installment payment. This proposed legislation would allow municipal treasurers to enforce only interest, not penalty on a missed installment. Since Milwaukee County does not collect the property tax on the normal installment schedule, this legislation would not initially impact County operations, i.e. the Treasurers' Office.

However, it will become problematic to Milwaukee County in August of each year when Milwaukee County is required to pick-up municipalities delinquent taxes. At this point, the Milwaukee County Treasurers' Office becomes directly involved in collection of delinquent taxes and would be negatively impacted by AB 89. The Treasurers' Office would then be faced with determining which of the 18 communities in Milwaukee County passed an ordinance, and manually determine what the amount due is at any point in time. That would be required since our computer system assumes all tax delinquents are charged an equal amount of interest and penalty.

In other words, the more the tax collection process can be standardized, the better it is to administer.

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I would like to suggest, for your consideration, amendment language which eliminate Milwaukee County concerns to AB 89. Should the committee adopt the following type of amendment language Milwaukee County would not be impacted:

"Whenever a municipality passes an enabling ordinance, the penalty allowance can only be valid for a period of 60 days, and it can not apply on the last installment"

The rational of this amendment is that in Milwaukee County 60 days is the normal minimal period between the due dates of the first, second and third installments. This amendment may still cause problems for other counties that do collect municipal taxes.

Thank you for the opportunity to reflect Milwaukee County's concerns with AB 89.

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