

Rob Yeo
W66N427 Kennedy Ave.
Cedarburg, WI 53012

Representing UW-M Film Department
Speaking against

Dismas Becker
1533 N. 23rd St.
Milwaukee, WI 53205

Representing self
Speaking against

Marjorie Morgan
3561 S. Lake Dr.
Milwaukee, WI 53207

Representing Archdiocese of Milwaukee
Speaking against

Matt Nelson
Milwaukee, WI

Representing self
Speaking against

David Petering
7229 N. Santa Monica Blvd.
Milwaukee, WI

Representing UW-M
Speaking against

Karyn Rotker
207 E. Buffalo
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Representing ACLU-WIF
Speaking against

Tom Spellman
2119 W. Jensen
Milwaukee, WI

Representing self
Speaking for information only

Genevieve McBride
3233 N. Hackett Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53211

Representing State Historical Society
Speaking against

Orville Seymer
PO Box 371086
Milwaukee, WI

Representing self
Speaking for information only

Carmelo Gaudio
4870 N. Idlewild Ave.
Whitefish Bay, WI 53129

Representing self
Speaking against

Mike Sansone
4525 River Ridge Blvd.
Greenfield, WI 53228

Representing WSEU Council 24
Speaking against

Edward Mabry
2109 W. Lilac Lane
Mequon, WI 53092

Representing UW-M
Speaking for information only

Steve Fendt
1300 S. Layton Blvd.
Milwaukee, WI 53215

Representing Southside Organizing Committee
Speaking against

James Tobin
317 Pioneer Rd.
Sheboygan, WI 53081

Representing self
Speaking in favor

Jerry Hulan
Milwaukee, WI

Representing self
Speaking against

Milwaukee public hearing—2/19/02

The following people registered but did not speak:

Howard Demaryl 3822 A N. 5 th Milwaukee, WI 53212	Representing self Registered against
Krista Herrmann 1048 N. 78 th St. Wauwatosa, WI 53226	Representing self Registered against
Mike Ruzicha 12300 W. Center St. Wauwatosa, WI 53222	Representing Greater Milwaukee Realtors Assn. Registered in favor
Angela Madlock 2835 N. 54 th St. Milwaukee, WI 53210	Representing self Registered against
Denise Cunningham 2449 N. 34 th Milwaukee, WI 53210	Representing self Registered against
L. T. Austin 4053 N. 91 st Milwaukee, WI 53222	Representing self Registered against
Denise Hernandez 2643 S. 12 th St. Milwaukee, WI 53215	Representing self Registered against
Tiffany Koehler 1521A North Jefferson St. Milwaukee, WI 53202	Representing NAMI Greater Milwaukee Mental Health Registered against
William Loftan 5457A North 35 th Milwaukee, WI 53209	Representing MATC Registered against
Christy Nord-Arara 2576 N. Summit #3 Milwaukee, WI 53211	Representing self Registered against

Susan Ruggles
5779 N. Bel Aire
Glendale, WI 53209

Representing AFT Local 212
Registered against

Wallace Thiel
210 Cottonwood
Hartland, WI 53029

Representing Village of Hartland
Registered against

Pamela Fleider
S36W28331 Quail Run
Waukesha, WI 53189

Representing self
Registered against

Janet Sears
4206 N. Wilson Dr. #6
Milwaukee, WI 53211

Representing self
Registered against

Jim Truchan
1339 N. Milwaukee
Milwaukee, WI

Representing MCFI
Registered against

Walter Mitchell
426 N. 35th
Milwaukee, WI 53208

Representing self
Registered against

Christine Evert
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Milwaukee, WI 53222

Representing self
Registered against

John Pellmann
2504 Yorkshire Court
Waukesha, WI 53188

Representing self
Registered against

Brian Costigan
2433 N. Mayfair Rd. #310
Wauwatosa, WI

Representing self
Registered against

Doris Perkins
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Milwaukee, WI 53208

Representing self
Registered against

Craig Hubbell
126 W. Union Ave.
Cedar Grove, WI 53013

Representing self
Registered against

Denise Lindsey
3037A N. 24th St.
Milwaukee, WI 53206

Representing self
Registered in favor

Mike Tesch
2206 S. 68th St.
West Allis, WI 53214

Representing self
Registered against

Mary Wierman
4561 N. 101 St.
Wauwatosa, WI 53225

Representing self
Registered against

Tracy Oerter
1744 Farwell Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Representing Bell Therapy, Inc.
Registered against

Janina Carazos
1020A South 18th St.
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Representing self
Registered against

Alexandra Topping
11246 N. Oriole Lane
Mequon, WI 53092

Representing MATC
Registered against

Randall Forney
1303 Madison Ave. #4
South Milwaukee, WI 53172

Representing MATC student government
Registered against

Sandra Fair
621 S. 4th St.
Milwaukee, WI 53204

Representing Wisconsin Correctional
Service
Registered against

Thomas Beebe
1717 S. 12th St.
Milwaukee, WI 53204

Representing Institute for Wisconsin's
Future
Registered against

Clifton Thomas
2435 W. Wisconsin Ave. #596
Milwaukee, WI 53233

Representing self
Registered against

Cynthia Cherry
3252 N. Downer
Milwaukee, WI 53211

Representing self
Registered against

Thomas Nowak
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Milwaukee, WI 53151

Representing self
Registered against

Michael Sandrone
2181 S. 91st St.
West Allis, WI 53227

Representing self
Registered against

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Milwaukee, WI 53233

Representing Wisconsin Correctional
Service
Registered against

Chris Bell
5810 W. Helena Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53223

Representing self
Registered against

Maryann Clesceri
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Milwaukee, WI 53202

Representing The Counseling Center
Registering against

Andrew C. Smith
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Brookfield, WI 53005

Representing self
Registering against

Marcus White
1900 N. 52nd
Milwaukee, WI 53208

Representing Interfaith Conference
Registering against

Lynn Steffes
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New Berlin, WI 53151

Representing Wisconsin Physical Therapists
Assn.
Registering against

Milwaukee Public hearing—2/19/02

The following people testified at the hearing:

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Dr. Tony Baez 700 W. State St. Milwaukee, WI 53201	Representing MATC Speaking against
Tom Farrell 13500 W. Marquette Drive New Berlin, WI 53151	Representing self Speaking against
Jeanine Farrell 13500 W. Marquette Drive New Berlin, WI 53151	Representing self Speaking against
Charles Dee 2024 N. HiMant Milwaukee, WI 53208	Representing AFT Local 212 Speaking against
Robert Buchholtz 222 Maple Ave. Waukesha, WI 53186	Representing Waukesha School District Speaking for information only
Roger Danielson 1607 Cottonwod Dr. Waukesha, WI 53186	Representing Waukesha School Board Speaking for information only
Patrick Berigan 2040 W. Wisconsin Ave. #678 Milwaukee, WI 53233	Representing WI Coalition for Advocacy Speaking against
Bob Clark 12300 W. Center St. Milwaukee, WI	Representing Realtors Speaking in favor
Jim Coutts W66 N372 Kennedy Ave. Cedarburg, WI 53012	Representing City of Cedarburg Speaking against

David DeAngelo, Mayor
PO Box 749
Muskego, WI 53150

Representing City of Muskego
Speaking against

Karen Ordinans, Chairman
Milwaukee County Board
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Milwaukee, WI 53233

Representing Milwaukee County
Speaking against

Earl Wheatfall
2221 W. Club View Dr.
Greendale, WI 53129

Representing MATC
Speaking against

Kimberly Wensing
2170 S. 94th St.
West Allis, WI 53226

Representing self
Speaking against

Joe Greco, Mayor
Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

Representing Village of Menomonee Falls
Speaking against

Annette Pampuch
35106 S. 22nd
Milwaukee, WI 53221

Representing self
Speaking against

Chris Lear
410 Claremont Rd.
Saukville, WI 53080

Representing Village of Saukville
Speaking against

Michael Miller
1115 S. Main St.
West Bend, WI 53095

Representing City of West Bend
Speaking against

Deborah Pasha
3015 W. 61
Milwaukee, WI 53210

Representing self
Speaking for information

Robert Wrenn
2028 E. Olive St.
Shorewood, WI 53211

Representing Transitional Living Service
Speaking against

Russ Van Gompol
Brown Deer, WI

Representing Village of Brown Deer
Speaking against

Stephanie Bloomingdale
1657 N. Franklin Place
Milwaukee, WI

Representing professional nurses
Speaking against

Melody Villanueva
1462 N. 17th
Milwaukee, WI 53205

Representing MATC
Speaking against

Edward Wills
2621 W. Pierce #222
Milwaukee, WI 53204

Representing self
Speaking against

Sabrina Turner
5221 W. Villard #2
Milwaukee, WI 53218

Representing self
Speaking against

Michael Rosen
2509 N. Gordon Court
Milwaukee, WI 53212

Representing self
Speaking against

Tom Millard
544 Lookout Dr.
Pewaukee, WI 53072

Representing self
Speaking against

Racine public hearing—2/19/02

The following people registered but did not testify:

Ken Soens 34920 Hill Valley Dr. East Troy, WI 53120	Representing self Registering against
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Jeff Baugrud 6423 Douglas Ave. Racine, WI 53402	Representing self Registering against
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Bryan Stedman 330 Southwood Dr. Racine, WI 53406	Representing self Registering against
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George Filber III 2815 W. High St. Racine, WI 53404	Representing self Registering against
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Racine public hearing—2/19/02

The following people testified at the hearing:

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Racine, WI 53406

Representing self
Speaking against

Gary Solfest
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Racine, WI 53402

Representing Racine Firefighters
Speaking against

Mike Vinovich
5532 Birchview Rd.
Racine, WI 53402

Representing self
Speaking against

Michael Brien
1332 Orchard St.
Racine, WI 53405

Representing self
Speaking against

Ann Wick
1403 W. 6th St.
Racine, WI 53404

Representing self
Speaking against

Carol Steilein
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Union Grove, WI 53182

Representing Racine County Fair
Speaking against

Superior public hearings—3/19/02

The following people registered but did not testify:

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Representing UW-S staff
Registering against

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Lake Nebagamon, WI 54849

Representing self
Registering against

Marna Banks
1 Chipmunk Hollow
Superior, WI 54880

Representing UW-S staff
Registering against

Larry Meier
1028 Baxter Ave.
Superior, WI 54880

Representing self
Registering against

Barbara Doherty
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Superior, WI 54880

Representing UW-S staff
Registering against

Alex Grymala
1624 N. 68th St.
Superior, WI 54880

Representing Village of Superior
Registering against

Maxine Peterson
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Superior, WI 54880

Representing self
Registering against

David Hagen
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Superior, WI 54880

Representing self
Registering against

Allan Bjorklund
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Superior, WI 54880

Representing State Engineering Assn.
Registering against

Benjamin Barrett
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Trego, WI 54888

Representing Disability Rights Coalition
Registering against

Donna Protokowicz
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South Range, WI 54874

Representing self
Registering against

Sharon Sullivan
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South Range, WI 54874

Representing self
Registering against

Steven Gustafson
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Superior, WI 54880

Representing self
Registering against

Terrence Cheever
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Superior, WI 54880

Representing self
Registering against

David Wicklund
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Superior, WI 54880

Representing self
Registering against

Jesse Strawn
1709 Hughitt
Superior, WI 54880

Representing UW-S students
Registering against

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Ashland, WI 54806

Representing New Horizons North
Registering against

Deb Nordgren
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Lake Nebagamon, WI 54849

Representing UW Superior
Registering against

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Representing UW-S
Registering against

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Representing UW-S
Registering against

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Superior, WI 54880

Representing UW-S
Registering against

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Representing UW-S
Registering against

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Representing UW-S
Registering against

Kathy Hooper
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Representing UW-Superior
Registering against

Roger Walkup
3526 S. Hakkila Rd.
Maple, WI 54854

Representing self
Registering against

Chuck Pleski
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Foxboro, WI 54836

Representing self
Registering against

Gail Pearson
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Superior, WI 54880

Representing National Family Caregivers
Support Program
Registering against

Don Kallberg
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Superior, WI 54880

Representing self
Registering against

Superior public hearing—3/19/2002

The following people testified at the hearing:

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Washburn, WI 54891

Representing UW-Superior
Speaking for information only

Mary Millard
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Representing UW-Superior Foundation
Speaking against

Toby Marcovich
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Superior, WI 54880

Representing UW Board of Regents
Speaking for information only

Julius Erlenbach
49 Billings Dr.
Superior, WI 54880

Representing UW-Superior
Speaking against

Kimberly Kelly
1007 E. 3rd St.
Superior, WI 54880

Representing self
Speaking against

Bill Rehnstrand
1319 ½ Hughitt Ave.
Superior, WI 54880

Representing Superior School Board
Speaking against

Dick Rettke
202 E. John St.
Rice Lake, WI 54868

Representing AFSCME Council 24
Speaking against

Roger Dreher
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Drummond, WI 54832

Representing Bayfield Lakes Forum
Speaking against

Sandra Anderson
15961 S. Bass Lake Rd.
Gordon, WI 54838

Representing Wisconsin Assn. of Lakes
Speaking against

Fred Anderson
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Gordon, WI 54838

Representing Douglas County Lakes Assn.
Speaking against

John Wohlwerd
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Foxboro, WI 54836

Representing self
Speaking against

Mayor Sharon Kotter
1409 Hammond Ave.
Superior, WI 54880

Representing City of Superior
Speaking against

Jean Anderson
30 Bardon Ave.
Superior, WI 54880

Representing City of Superior
Speaking against

Kathryn McKenzie
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Superior, WI 54880

Representing self
Speaking against

Jay Mitchell
7010 John Ave.
Superior, WI 54880

Representing Superior School District
Speaking against

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Duluth, MN 55812

Representing self
Speaking for information only

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Superior, WI 54880

Representing UW students
Speaking against

Pete Mann
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Washburn, WI 54891

Representing City of Washburn
Speaking against

Michael Screnock
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Ashland, WI 54806

Representing City of Ashland
Speaking against

Stephanie Hilton
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Superior, WI 54880

Representing self
Speaking against

Jim Trojanowski
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Ashland, WI 54806

Representing Ashland Public Library
Speaking against

Douglas Finn
1313 Belknap
Superior, WI 54880

Representing Douglas County
Speaking against

Chenthuran Jayachandiran
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Representing self
Speaking against

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Superior, WI 54880

Representing self
Speaking against

1999 COUNTY DD BUDGETS
 COUNTY LEVY COMPARISON
 IN PER CAPITA RANK ORDER

COUNTY(IES)	COUNTY MATCH	COUNTY OVERMATCH	TOTAL COUNTY DOLLARS	1996 POPULATION	PER CAPITA
1. DANE	\$582,000	\$11,513,570	\$12,095,570	398,233	\$30.37
2. MONROE	\$24,937	\$831,670	\$856,607	38,024	\$22.53
3. DOOR	\$26,800	\$525,973	\$552,773	26,171	\$21.12
4. CALUMET	\$81,978	\$689,213	\$771,191	37,309	\$20.67
5. BAYFIELD	\$8,000	\$283,251	\$271,251	14,428	\$18.80
6. OUTAGAMIE	\$200,059	\$2,422,802	\$2,622,861	151,727	\$17.29
7. WOOD	\$62,849	\$1,241,483	\$1,304,332	76,446	\$17.06
8. WAUSHARA	\$22,802	\$319,584	\$342,166	20,318	\$16.84
9. JEFFERSON	\$76,864	\$1,124,701	\$1,201,565	71,788	\$16.74
10. GREEN LAKE	\$18,735	\$297,862	\$316,397	19,060	\$16.80
11. ST CROIX	\$54,299	\$841,830	\$896,129	54,406	\$16.47
12. SHEBOYGAN	\$76,030	\$1,663,815	\$1,739,845	108,985	\$15.96
13. BROWN	\$294,572	\$3,036,885	\$3,331,457	212,448	\$15.68
14. FOND DU LAC	\$136,472	\$1,216,749	\$1,353,221	94,415	\$14.33
15. OCONTO	\$40,379	\$406,921	\$447,300	31,992	\$13.96
16. MARQUETTE	\$9,747	\$169,041	\$178,788	13,186	\$13.56
17. LANGLADE-MARATHON	\$172,878	\$1,591,400	\$1,764,278	143,570	\$12.29
18. OZAUKEE	\$48,856	\$904,009	\$952,865	78,495	\$12.14
19. PEPIN	\$25,000	\$60,000	\$85,000	7,179	\$11.84
20. WINNEBAGO	\$234,214	\$1,520,125	\$1,754,339	149,894	\$11.70
21. WAUPACA	\$351,828	\$207,899	\$559,727	48,673	\$11.50
22. SAUK	\$55,292	\$528,725	\$582,017	50,897	\$11.44
23. MILWAUKEE	\$373,351	\$9,896,697	\$10,070,048	963,903	\$10.45
24. WASHINGTON	\$77,223	\$1,024,956	\$1,102,179	108,619	\$10.15
25. ROCK	\$198,126	\$1,262,113	\$1,458,239	147,065	\$9.92
26. DUNN	\$38,785	\$325,626	\$364,391	37,343	\$9.76
27. WALWORTH	\$65,059	\$670,000	\$735,059	81,395	\$9.03
28. DODGE	\$77,669	\$569,235	\$646,904	80,839	\$8.00
29. DOUGLAS	\$67,972	\$249,796	\$317,768	42,256	\$7.52
30. JACKSON	\$44,678	\$79,461	\$124,137	17,098	\$7.26
31. LACROSSE	\$134,072	\$807,915	\$741,987	103,149	\$7.19
32. GREEN	\$22,184	\$188,549	\$210,733	31,349	\$6.72
33. ASHLAND	\$15,000	\$85,000	\$100,000	16,650	\$6.01
34. CLARK	\$37,908	\$146,209	\$184,115	32,185	\$5.72
35. MARINETTE	\$50,135	\$188,640	\$238,775	41,842	\$5.71
36. MENOMINEE	\$6,291	\$17,575	\$23,866	4,232	\$5.64
37. TREMPLEALEU	\$37,041	\$108,414	\$145,455	25,930	\$5.61
38. WAUKESHA	\$322,191	\$1,366,161	\$1,688,352	334,077	\$5.05
39. CRAWFORD	\$80,437	\$0	\$80,437	16,103	\$5.00
40. LINCOLN	\$32,213	\$80,797	\$113,010	28,396	\$3.98
41. SHAWANO	\$56,987	\$81,633	\$138,620	38,226	\$3.63
42. COLUMBIA	\$26,134	\$145,277	\$171,411	47,822	\$3.58
43. BARRON-BURNETT-POLK-RUSK-WASHBURN	\$100,141	\$322,534	\$422,675	121,778	\$3.47
44. KEWAUNEE	\$40,172	\$25,042	\$65,214	19,393	\$3.36
45. SAWYER	\$35,000	\$15,119	\$50,119	15,108	\$3.32
46. MANITOWOC	\$59,857	\$213,777	\$273,634	83,142	\$3.29
47. PRICE	\$32,000	\$20,000	\$52,000	16,052	\$3.24
48. FOREST-ONEIDA-VILAS	\$88,172	\$107,409	\$195,581	61,726	\$3.17
49. VERNON	\$13,868	\$59,080	\$72,948	26,130	\$2.78
50. EAU CLAIRE	\$129,827	\$105,798	\$235,625	88,668	\$2.66
51. PORTAGE	\$51,945	\$119,661	\$171,606	65,820	\$2.61
52. CHIPPEWA	\$50,000	\$65,000	\$115,000	53,996	\$2.50
53. KENOSHA	\$130,320	\$200,959	\$331,279	138,049	\$2.40
54. PIERCE	\$22,000	\$35,000	\$57,000	33,793	\$1.69
55. GRANT-IOWA	\$74,043	\$43,753	\$117,796	70,765	\$1.68
56. RICHLAND	\$28,781	\$0	\$28,781	17,574	\$1.64
57. IRON	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	6,242	\$1.60
58. BUFFALO	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000	13,660	\$1.46
59. TAYLOR	\$27,100	\$0	\$27,100	19,247	\$1.41
60. LAFAYETTE	\$18,000	\$4,000	\$22,000	16,062	\$1.37
61. JUNEAU	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000	22,884	\$1.31
62. RACINE	\$187,311	\$0	\$187,311	184,809	\$1.01
63. ADAMS	\$8,413	\$7,244	\$15,657	17,120	\$0.91
64. FLORENCE	\$4,000	\$0	\$4,000	4,850	\$0.82
STATE TOTALS/AVERAGE	\$5,526,753	\$49,633,318	\$55,160,071	5,142,991	\$10.73

The following remarks are summaries of statements that were made by people who testified before the 2001-03 biennial budget committee.

Ralph Chido, of the Cumberland School Board, expressed his gratitude for the expansion of SAGE but pointed to the problems created by the special education costs in his districts. He stated that there is no question that the special education requirements and programs take away money from other students. He indicated that coupled with rising costs and declining enrollments, there is simply not enough resources to meet the basic needs of his students.

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Henry Lamkin spoke on behalf of the Wisconsin Veterinary Medicine Association in support of the diagnostic lab for the animal diagnostic lab. Mr. Lamkin testified that without the laboratory, the ability of the state to export animals would be in jeopardy. If the project is not enumerated as part of the building program, it will not be possible to guarantee support for the required services. He remarked that in a time of particular attention to animal health problems, it would be a wise investment to support the creation of a fully staffed diagnostic laboratory facility. He indicated that the loss of Wisconsin animal health laboratory certification has the potential to devastate the state's animal agricultural economy as other countries do not allow for importation of livestock dairy and poultry products without certified tests by an accredited state laboratory.

Linda Weimer, of the University of Wisconsin (UW) System, testified in favor of the new economy package that the University had proposed. She pointed out this was an integrated results oriented package that could do much to improve the Wisconsin economy. She stated that in time of need the Legislature should consider investing in programs that will have a positive affect on the future economy of this state.

Anne Lydecker, the UW-River Falls Chancellor, testified on the need for UW System priorities especially those projects at the UW-River Falls. She asked that the legislators "look beyond the immediate needs and support investment of projects for the future." She explained that she understood the connection between services and taxes as do most Wisconsin residents and indicated her preference for effective programs that improve the quality of life in the state. She also pointed out that the failure of the Governor and now the Legislature to address problems of preventive maintenance for the facilities will undoubtedly result in much higher costs in the future for the state.

The School District Business Manager for
~~Henry Lamplin~~, of the South Shore School District, told of the blight facing the South Shore School District. He indicated this small but essential school district is facing a crisis as a result of declining enrollments and the need to provide services to students spread over more than 300 square miles. He noted that with only 263 students, the distance involved precludes consolidation and leaves the district with no choice but to cut teachers and services in order to stay within revenue caps. He asked the Legislature to provide him with some relief. He said that a satellite school was recently closed down and that the district was in such distress that passage of a referendum would be virtually impossible. Mr. ~~Lamplin~~ stated that "we need two years of oxygen to allow us to survive long enough to get to a referendum." ^{HG} ~~Mr. Lamplin~~ pleaded for some manner of relief in order to allow the school district to continue operation.

Charlene Offerdahl, speaking for aging groups in Barron County, pointed out that all seniors are struggling to meet the costs of life and are hopeful that the Legislature will hear their plea for help. She noted that the burdens of meeting the various increased

costs only exacerbate the situation and make the life of a senior needing state support all the more difficult.

Fred Schluter, of Spooner, suggested that the highest priority of the state should be addressing the issue of prescription drugs.

Robert Lee, a pharmacist from Menomonee, pointed out that the daily miracles worked by prescription drugs come at a very high cost. He pointed out the difficulty of providing pharmacy services at a higher level of expertise while accepting a lower level of reimbursement. He spoke of the burden on the elderly of attempting to gain access to life saving drugs on limited incomes.

Bob, a volunteer from Mosinee, cited the increased costs associated with providing Meals on Wheels. As to his tax refund received from the state in the last year, he said that the state should "keep it." He pointed out in addition that he did not support the need for a tax cut to aid top end seniors but did support the need for prescription drugs which allow access to those drugs for a broad group of senior citizens not just the lowest and poorest of the poor. In response to a question, he indicated that he would support a no advertising policy placed on the drug companies in order to hold costs down.

Jim Stoll spoke in favor of creating a Great Lakes forestry museum in Rice Lake. He noted the extensive plans that have been put together for the facility and the involvement of many groups in northwest Wisconsin supporting the creation of the facility. He urged the state to support the project as an important investment in describing and promoting a public awareness of the importance of forestry in the state.

Several persons testified before the committee regarding the current and future needs of state nursing homes to serve nursing home residents. Collectively, they pointed

to the need to have the state assure the long-term viability of the nursing home services industry in order to ensure senior citizens future services. One member of this group from Avery, Wisconsin, noted the loss of trust between the state and its counties. He pointed to broken promises with regard to gaming, jails, nursing homes and the Kettle Commission. He noted that if a real partnership between the state and its counties were to be formed, it must be predicated upon the trust of both parties that each will support the other in times of need.

Myron Schuster testified on the shortfall of state revenues that pay for mandated programs. He pointed particularly to the community aids, juvenile justice and court system as examples of where the state has shifted costs to the county rather than making the payments expected.

Chuck Whitney, from St. Croix County, in his testimony, suggested that the state should base their budget on the needs of the citizens, not an arbitrary figure of what money is available.

Frank Pecsorcella, of Polk County, pointed out that local officials sometimes are put in a vice without any option to improve services or to meet known needs. He suggested that while the Kettle Commission began with good intentions, it still did not deliver any meaningful results or changes. Mr Pecsorcella stated that "without this funding for nursing homes in the future, the future for all nursing homes will be very bleak. Remember you are dealing with our residents who consider our facility their home. Would you like someone to take away your home?"

Mike Miller suggested that mandates on counties be reduced to allow more flexibility at the local level.

✓ **John Nousaine** spoke of the needs of the individual living centers for help in promoting their assistive technology program. He and others spoke eloquently of the cost effectiveness of such a program.

✓ **John Nudden**, of Duerst-~~J~~, stated that these low-cost programs provide high returns and represent a tremendous investment in citizens who utilize the services of the assistive technology programs.

✓ **Ben Barrett**, of Trigo-~~Z~~, testified that previously he was a nursing home resident but now with the help of the Independent Living and Assistive Technology Programs, he is able to live at home rather than in the nursing home.

✓ **Jeff Fox** testified that he regularly utilizes the "loan closer" tryout equipment at the independent living centers. He stated that without additional state support, this important resource may no longer be available for citizens in need.

✓ **Randy Young**, of the Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling, in Hayward, asked that the funding for the Council be restored. He stated "we understand this state's budget shortfall but we would like to point out that the Council is the only organization Wisconsin dedicated to assist the thousands of problem and compulsive gamblers." He stated that his organization provides resources for problem and compulsive gamblers and their families to learn that help is available to them. He stated that the Wisconsin program has served as a model for other states around the country.

Dennis Ratcliffe, of the Town of Ocelo, raised several property tax concerns that suggested that in order to meet the revenue shortfall in the state, the sales tax could be increased in order to allow the elimination of the local payment for technical colleges.

Greg Moore spoke eloquently of the needs for court interpreters in the courts.

✓ Paul Vines, of the Rice Lake School District, was very supportive in his testimony for the additional SAGE money but indicated a pressing need for more help to meet the special education needs and to meet other increasing costs of his district. He noted that the additional special education needs were requiring cuts in his general education program.

✓ Peggy Klinkers, of the Frederick School District, indicated this was the worst year she has ever faced with education. She set forth the severe cuts required in her district in order to balance her budget and stay within the revenue caps. She implored the legislators to "spend money on programs; not on tax cuts."

✓ Sue Seldon, of CESA 11, asked for more flexibility at the local level in meeting TEACH grant requirements. She asked the legislators to trust the local officials in creating effective training materials.

✓ Ken ^{Best}~~Chet~~, of Chetek-~~is~~ asked legislators to provide greater local flexibility in dealing with educational budgets. He noted that money spent on schools can reduce the future need to spend money on prisons. Several other school officials spoke extensively on the need for greater local flexibility in meeting their educational needs. In this segment, Tom Hall, of Rice Lake, deplored the situation where special education was pitted directly against general education.

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PRESS RELEASE

Chvala Announces Senate Committees for 2001-2002 Session

Madison – Senate Majority Leader Chuck Chvala today announced State Senate committees and their Democratic membership for the 2001-2001 biennial session saying, “We have a great team and committee structure poised to accomplish great things in the next two years.”

New committees include the Senate Committee on the 2001-03 Biennial Budget, Senate Committee on Economic Development and Corrections, and Senate Committee on Universities, Housing and Government Operations. In addition, review of campaign finance reform legislation has been added to the Senate Judiciary and Consumer Affairs Committee and agriculture issues will be handled by the Senate Committee on Labor and Agriculture.

Chvala said the creation of a committee on the 2001-2003 biennial budget, headed by Senator Bob Jauch, creates a more open budget process and will allow additional public input and review of the two-year state budget. The committee will, after completion of the Joint Committee on Finance executive action, conduct informational hearings on the 2001-03 Biennial Budget as affected by the Joint Committee on Finance and submit a report to the full Senate.

“I appreciate Senator Jauch taking on the challenge of the 2001-2003 Biennial Budget Committee. His background and expertise in budget matters will serve the public and the Senate well as we craft the biennial state budget”, commented Chvala.

The two newest members of the Senate Democratic Caucus will each chair committees. Senator Dave Hansen of Green Bay will head the Senate Labor and Agriculture Committee and Senator Mark Meyer of LaCrosse will chair the Senate Committee on Universities, Housing and Government Operations

Of the two new committee chairs, Chvala said, “Senator Hansen brings the experience of a working man to the Labor Committee and I know he will be a strong advocate for his district and working families of Wisconsin.” He continued, “The importance of education issues led us to create a new committee to deal specifically with private and public university issues. Senator Meyer has been and will continue to be a leader in maintaining the quality of our world class universities and, just as importantly, maintaining their affordability and accessibility.”

“Our committees and their chairs will help the Senate address the issues important to the people of Wisconsin in a timely fashion”, concluded Chvala.

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