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Senate Committee –
Judiciary, Corrections and Privacy
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Vote Record
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Date: 1-8-4

Moved by: Zien

Seconded by: Carpenter

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Be recommended for:

- Passage Adoption Confirmation Concurrence Indefinite Postponement
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Committee Member

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
Senator David Zien, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Scott Fitzgerald	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Cathy Stepp <i>Poll</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Tim Carpenter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator G. Spencer Coggs <i>Poll</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Motion Carried

Motion Failed

Testimony In Support of
Assembly Bill 206

Before the
Senate Judiciary, Corrections and Privacy Committee

January 8, 2004, 1:00 pm, Room 201 South-East

Denny Kruger, Legislative Liaison
Wisconsin Troopers' Association

Good morning Chairman Zien and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary, Corrections and Privacy. On behalf of the Wisconsin Troopers' Association, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of AB 206.

My name is Denny Kruger. I have been a Wisconsin State Trooper for 28 years. I currently serve as the legislative liaison for the Wisconsin State Troopers' Association. I supervise troopers and patrol in the Madison area.

My mission as a state trooper is to make our highways as safe as possible for all Wisconsin citizens' and travelers. This is our top priority. The safety of our officers is also a major concern.

The Wisconsin Troopers' Association supports any legislation that protects law enforcement officers, as well as firefighters and emergency medical personnel from potential acts of violence. Our job is dangerous enough. For this reason, the WTA supports AB 206.

This bill is a simple and common sense approach to increasing the safety of officers. First, AB 206 creates stiffer penalties for pointing a firearm at a law enforcement officer, firefighter, or emergency medical technician. Additionally, this legislation allows for law enforcement officers and prison officers to be equally protected against prisoners throwing or expelling bodily fluids in a deliberate manner.

Deliberate actions towards a police officer do not have to be life threatening to interfere with our ability to enforce the law. It is necessary to have significant consequences in order to help prevent dangerous acts and secure the safety of law enforcement officers.

The Wisconsin Troopers' Association believes that AB 206 is good public policy that appropriately increases consequences for deliberate acts of violence against people who work to protect all Wisconsin citizens.

Thank you Chairman Zien and members of this committee for allowing this opportunity to testify on behalf of the 500 troopers and inspectors of the WTA. I would be happy to address any further questions or concerns you may have at this time.

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Memorandum

RE: Support of AB 206

To: Members of the Judiciary, Corrections and Privacy Committee

From: Wisconsin County Police Association President, Robert Wierenga

The Wisconsin County Police Association fully supports AB 206 as an important step towards protecting law enforcement officers. Members of our law enforcement community are people consistently on the front lines each and every day, protecting Wisconsin citizens from harm. It is vitally important that the state, in turn, do whatever it can to ensure that our jobs are as safe as we can make them. This danger can come from unexpected places, and AB 206's expansion of the rules prohibiting assault with bodily fluids is an important protective measure.

We live in a world filled with disease, and infections transferred by such assaults can be as dangerous as any weapon. While guards that work regularly in jails with prisoners are at particular risk for this type of assault, we must make sure that the same rules and protections apply to those officers who work out in the public arena as well. The changes in this law will apply not only to individuals who are in legal custody of a peace officer, but also those who are currently being detained or questioned under other circumstances as well. This change serves to recognize the danger officers can face on a daily basis.

The harsh punishments enforced against prisoners who assaulted guards in this manner have served to reduce such crime. This law is clearly effective, and we look forward to working with the legislature to facilitate its expansion.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our lobbyist Cathleen Huebner at (608) 255-0566.

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this as a law
as well

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