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MEMORANDUM

To: Representative Sinicki

From: Joseph T. Kreye, Sr. Legislative Attorney, (608) 266-2263

Subject: Technical Memorandum to **2009 AB 504** (LRB-3121/4) by **DOR**

We received the attached technical memorandum relating to your bill. This copy is for your information and your file.

If you wish to discuss this memorandum or the necessity of revising your bill or preparing an amendment, please contact me.

MEMORANDUM

October 27, 2009

TO: Joseph Kreye
Legislative Reference Bureau

FROM: Paul Ziegler
Department of Revenue

SUBJECT: Technical Memorandum on AB 504 – a Milwaukee County sales and use tax for parks, recreation, and culture.

The Department has the following concerns with the bill:

Milwaukee County currently has a 0.5% county tax. The bill authorizes Milwaukee County to impose an additional sales and use tax with an effective date of January 1, April 1, July 1, or October 1. The imposition of such a tax with the effective rate different than January 1 creates undue complexity and additional costs for retailers who file sales and use tax returns on an annual basis with the Department of Revenue. If the effective rate is different than January 1, the annual filing period for these retailers would have to be split between the two rates in effect during the calendar year.

The bill allows any rate between 0.0% and 0.5%. The Department of Revenue recommends that the rate be established in terms of 1/10 of one percent to ease the collection burden on retailers.

cc: Representative Sinicki