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Gary H. Hamblin

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## WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE ... PUBLIC HEARING - COMMITTEE RECORDS

### 2011-12

(session year)

### Senate

(Assembly, Senate or Joint)

### Committee on ... Labor, Public Safety, and Urban Affairs (SC-LPSUA)

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(**sb** = Senate Bill)                              (**sr** = Senate Resolution)                      (**sjr** = Senate Joint Resolution)
- Miscellaneous ... **Misc**



Moved by Senator Lazich, seconded by Senator S. Coggs that  
**Hamblin, Gary** be recommended for confirmation.

Ayes: (5) Senators Wanggaard, Grothman, Lazich, S.  
Coggs and Wirch.

Noes: (0) None.

CONFIRMATION RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0

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Craig Summerfield  
Committee Clerk

# Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

## Committee on Labor, Public Safety, and Urban Affairs

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Date: 1/27/11 Meeting Type: Exec

Location: 300 SE

<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Excused</u>
Senator Van Wanggaard, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Glenn Grothman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Mary Lazich	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Spencer Coggs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Robert Wirch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

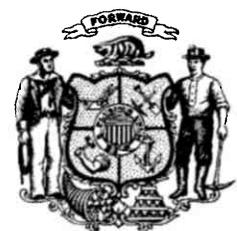
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Craig Summerfield  
Committee Clerk

*Lazich*  
*Coggs*



WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE





**SCOTT WALKER**  
**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF WISCONSIN**

P.O. Box 7863  
MADISON, WI 53707

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January 3, 2011

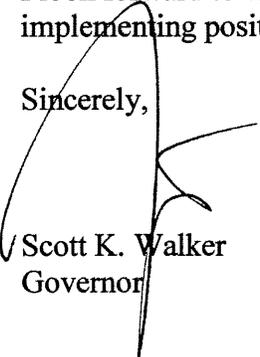
Mr. Gary Hamblin  
Secretary, Department of Corrections  
P.O. Box 7925  
Madison, WI 53707

Dear Mr. Hamblin:

I am pleased to appoint you as Secretary of the Department of Corrections, effective January 3, 2011. Your experience, knowledge, and dedication will be a true asset to my administration and a great benefit to the people of Wisconsin.

I look forward to working with you to find innovative ways of delivering services and implementing positive change for the citizens of our state.

Sincerely,



Scott K. Walker  
Governor



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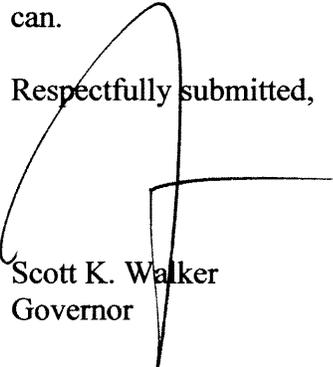
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To the Honorable, the Senate:

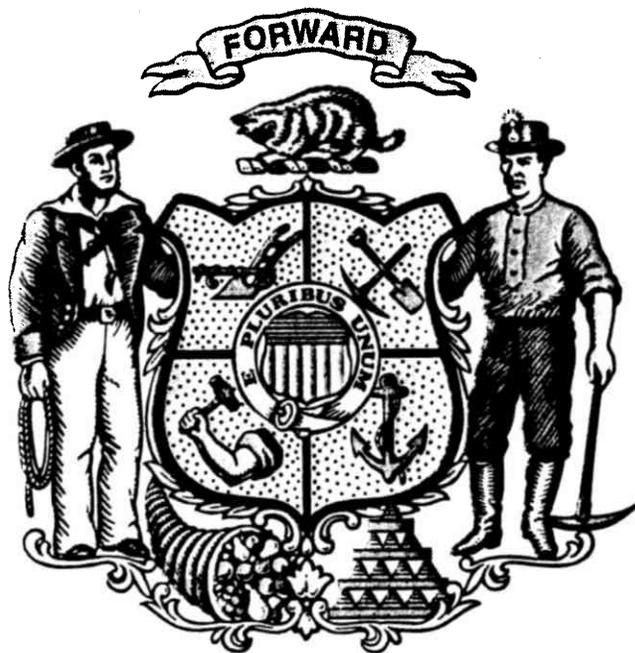
I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint Gary Hamblin as the Secretary of the Department of Corrections for the term ending at the pleasure of the Governor.

Mr. Hamblin will be available to the Senate for hearings and my staff will assist in any way they can.

Respectfully submitted,



Scott K. Walker  
Governor





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**GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT**

**NAME:** Hamblin, Gary

**MAILING ADDRESS:** 3099 East Washington Avenue Madison, WI  
53703

**E-MAIL ADDRESS:** Gary.hamblin@wisconsin.gov

**RESIDES IN:** Madison, WI

**TELEPHONE:** 608-240-5055

**APPOINTED TO:** Secretary, Department of Corrections

**TERM:** At the pleasure

**SUCCEEDS:** Raemisch, Richard

**SENATE CONFIRMATION:** Yes

**DATE OF APPOINTMENT:** January 3, 2011

**DATE OF NOMINATION:** January 3, 2011

**Gary H. Hamblin** is currently the Administrator of the Division of Law Enforcement Services in the Wisconsin Department of Justice. He served three terms as Dane County Sheriff. He was first appointed sheriff in 1997 by then-Governor Tommy Thompson and was re-elected in 1998, 2000 and 2002 before retiring at the end of 2006. Hamblin has been in law enforcement for 40 years, beginning with the Sawyer County Sheriff's office in Hayward before joining the Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) in the Wisconsin Department of Justice. During his 29 year tenure at DCI, Hamblin investigated organized crime, white collar crime and murders. He served as DCI's administrative officer for eight years before heading up DCI's drug enforcement program and later establishing DCI's Gaming Enforcement Bureau.

Hamblin has a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He is married to Susan and has three adult children, Erica, Mark and Bridget. Hamblin lives in Madison.

**Department of Corrections**  
**Secretary Gary Hamblin**

- Public safety has been the focus of his professional career for the past 43 years.
- Born and raised in northern Wisconsin and began career in law enforcement in Sawyer County as the acting undersheriff.
- Then spent 29 years investigating major crimes and public corruption for the Wisconsin Department of Justice and administering budget and policy for its Division of Criminal Investigation.
- In 1997, he became the Sheriff of Dane County, the second largest county in the state. He was appointed to the position by Former Governor Tommy Thompson and ran successfully for re-election three times.
- In early 2007, he retired as Sheriff and a short time later was appointed Administrator of the Law Enforcement Services Division of the Department of Justice by Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen.
- As part of his duties, he oversaw the state's Crime Lab and efforts to eliminate its backlog of forensic DNA criminal cases.
- He also Co-Chaired the state DNA Task Force where he joined with the Department of Corrections and Wisconsin Sheriffs to improve the system for collection of DNA samples from convicted felons.
- As Secretary, he is committed to continuing that high level of public service at the agency, even as we work together during difficult economic times to tackle the state's budget issues.
- Public safety is the overriding mission of the Department of Corrections and it will be Gary's role to make sure the Department protects citizens, and at the same time continues to reduce our prison population and caseloads in ways that are safe.
- He is also committed to moving forward with efforts to reduce costs whenever possible.
- Gary pledges that, under his leadership, the Department of Corrections will continue to work with those we have control over – offenders in custody or under supervision – and implement the smartest strategies possible to help them change their behavior.
- When the best and tested "reentry" strategies are targeted at those inmates ready to use them, we can reduce repeat criminal behavior (40% of DOC population are 'repeat customers'), keep citizens safer *and* help offenders turn themselves into law-abiding, productive members of society.
- 97 percent of inmates serve their time and get out and return to the community. When they do, it's the job of Corrections to make sure those individuals have the right skills and tools to succeed in that community. Gary is the person to lead this charge.
- With our support, Gary will lead the agency through implementation of such initiatives as implementing accurate risk assessment, consolidation of inmate case planning across agency Divisions, and "evidence-based" programming for offenders.
- Under his leadership, ongoing agency efforts that rely on partnerships with local and federal law enforcement agencies will continue to be high priorities.

**Gary H. Hamblin**  
3099 East Washington Avenue  
Madison, Wisconsin 53704  
Office (608) 240-5055

**EDUCATION:**

Bachelor of Science Degree – University of  
Wisconsin-Eau Claire, 1968  
Graduate – FBI National Academy, 1991

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:**

2011 to Present

Secretary, Wisconsin Department of Corrections

2007 to 2011

Administrator, Division of Law Enforcement  
Services, Wisconsin Department of Justice  
Responsibilities included:

- Management of the Wisconsin State Crime Laboratory system.
- Management of the Crime Information Bureau.
- Management of the Training and Standards Bureau.

1997-2007

Sheriff of Dane County, Wisconsin  
Responsibilities included:

- Management of a full service law enforcement agency serving a county population of more than 450,000.
- Management of a jail system with an average daily population of approximately 1,000.

1968-1997

Division of Criminal Investigation,  
Wisconsin Department of Justice:  
Responsibilities included:

- Serving as a special agent conducting investigations relating to organized crime, white collar crime, public corruption, homicide, and major crimes against people and property.
- Serving as administrative officer responsible for budget, recruitment, training, administrative support, and development of policy and procedure.

- Serving as Bureau Director for the Bureaus of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs and Gaming Enforcement.
- Serving as Deputy Administrator for the Division of Narcotics Enforcement.

1967-1968

Deputy Sheriff and Acting Undersheriff, Sawyer County, Wisconsin and member of the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Reserves.

Personal:

Married to Susan in 1970

Three Grown Children:

Erica (Jeff) Rivers

Mark

Bridget

One Granddaughter, Elise Rivers

# Statement of Economic Interests

Filed in 2011 for calendar year 2010

Name: Hamblin, Cary H.  
(last name, first name & Initial)

State position: Secretary, Dept. of Corrections  
(held or sought) (include agency, division, branch or district, if applicable)

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Still have questions? For priority service send an e-mail to: [GABETHICS@wisconsin.gov](mailto:GABETHICS@wisconsin.gov); otherwise leave a detailed message at (608) 261-2028.  
\*\*Attach additional pages as needed/Please See Instructions.\*\*

## Part A

Information current as of

01/03/11  
Insert nomination/appointment date here

### 1. INVESTMENTS.

a) Funds Available In Wisconsin Deferred Compensation Program. These funds are available to participants in the Wisconsin Deferred Compensation program and many of them are also available for direct purchase, independent of that program. If you held an investment of \$5,000 or more in any of these funds - either directly or through the program - please check the appropriate box.

Profile Series	one			one			one	
	\$5,000 to \$50,000	More than \$50,000		\$5,000 to \$50,000	More than \$50,000		\$5,000 to \$50,000	More than \$50,000
Vanguard Retirement 2045			Small Cap			Bond		
Vanguard Retirement 2035			BlackRock Russell 2000 Index			BlackRock US Debt Index		
Vanguard Retirement 2025			DFA US Micro Cap			Federated US Government Securities 2-5 Yr.		
Vanguard Retirement 2015			Mid Cap			Vanguard Long-Term Investment Grade Adm		
Vanguard Target Retirement Income			BlackRock Mid Cap Equity Index			Money Market		
International			T. Rowe Price Mid Cap Growth			Vanguard Admiral Treasury Money Market		
American Funds EuroPacific R5			Large Cap			Fixed Returns for the Quarter		
BlackRock EAFE Equity Index			Calvert Social Investment Equity			Stable Value Fund		✓
			Fidelity Contrafund			FDIC Bank Option		
			Vanguard Institutional Index Fund Plus					
			Vanguard Wellington - Admiral Shares		✓			

b) Other Investments. List stocks, bonds, limited partnerships, Wisconsin governmental securities, and mutual and money market funds in which you and your family's interest was valued at \$5,000 or more.

Name of security	Type of security - "✓" one					Amount - "✓" one	
	Stock/option/futures	Bond	Limited partnership	Wisconsin governmental security	Mutual or money market fund	\$5,000 to \$50,000	More than \$50,000
Fidelity Asset Manager 2076							
Wells Fargo Money Market					✓		✓
M & I Money Market						✓	
Wells Fargo Growth Fund					✓		✓
Wells Fargo Opportunity Fund					✓		✓

2. **BUSINESS ACTIVITIES.** List businesses, farms, rental, commercial, and income-producing real estate; and business activities in which you or your family had at least a 10% or greater interest.

a) **Enterprise(s) operating under a business or trade name, list here.**

Name of business	Municipality or Town	County	State	Describe nature of business
<i>N/A</i>				

b) **Enterprise(s) NOT operating under a business or trade name, list here.**

Street address or fire number	Municipality or Town	County	State	Describe nature of business
<i>N/A</i>				

3. **COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS, CLIENTS, AND TENANTS.** For each unincorporated business, subchapter S corporation, service corporation (SC), limited liability company (LLC), partnership, or income-producing real estate reported in Item 2, list businesses, organizations, and lobbyists that paid the enterprise \$1,000 or more in calendar year 2010.

Check if the organization authorized you to represent it in its dealings with others as an attorney-at-law, agent, spokesperson, or representative.

Businesses, organizations, lobbyists that were customers, clients, or tenants	City	State	*✓*
<i>N/A</i>			

4. **BUSINESS PARTNERS.** For each enterprise reported under Item 2, list its co-owners, partners, officers, and directors (other than yourself), unless the information is already registered with the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions.

Business	Partners, or officers and directors	City	State
<i>N/A</i>			

5. **NON-COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE.** List the specific location of WISCONSIN REAL ESTATE in which you or your family had an interest (except your principal residence and real estate whose location you listed in item 2).

LOCATION OF PROPERTY			NATURE OF INTEREST (own, lease, option, easement, land contract)
Street address or fire number	Municipality Or Town	County	
<i>W13871 Landing Road</i>	<i>Town of Big Bend</i>	<i>Rusk</i>	<i>own</i>

6. **OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS.** List organizations of which you or a family member was an officer or director (unless listed in Item #2.)

Business or organization	City	State	Position
<i>N/A</i>			

**7. AGENT, REPRESENTATIVE OR SPOKESPERSON.** List each organization that authorized you or a family member to represent it in its dealings with others as an attorney-at-law, agent, spokesperson, or representative (unless listed in Item 2, 3, or 6.)

Business or organization	City	State
N/A		

**8. CREDITORS.** List creditors to which you or your family owed \$5,000 or more.

Creditor	City	State	*√* one	
			\$50,000 or less	More than \$50,000
N/A				

**Part B For calendar year 2010**

**9. EMPLOYERS.** List your and your family's EMPLOYERS (\$1,000 or more of income) in 2010.

Name of employer (If State of Wisconsin, identify agency or institution)	City	State	Nature of employer's business
WI Dept of Justice	Madison	WI	Public Safety
Madison Metro School District	Madison	WI	Education

**10. ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF INCOME.** List other sources from which you or your family received income of \$1,000 or more in 2010.

Source of income	City	State
Wisconsin Retirement System	Madison	WI
ESA #5	Portage	WI

**11. ENTERTAINMENT AND GIFTS.** List individuals and organizations that provided you with entertainment or gifts (more than \$50) in 2010.

Name of provider	City	State
N/A		

**12. HONORARIA AND EXPENSES.** List, for 2010, sources of honoraria and payment of expenses related to your state government duties (more than \$50) not previously reported to the Government Accountability Board.

Payer	Approximate value of expenses	Amount of honorarium	Circumstances of receipt
N/A			

I certify that the information contained in this Statement of Economic Interests is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. In the event this Statement of Economic Interests is filed prior to my nomination or appointment, I certify that I will amend it within ten days of my nomination or appointment date if amendment is necessary to bring it into conformity with the true statement of my economic interests as of the date of my nomination or appointment. If any part has been left blank, I have done so intentionally because there is nothing to report.

Daytime phone # 608-240-5055

Gary Hamblin      1/10/11      gary.hamblin@wisconsin.gov  
 Signature of person filing      Date      E-mail address

The information sought in this form is required by §§19.43 and 19.44, Wisconsin Statutes. Failure to file a completed form may result in a forfeiture of up to \$500. Statements of Economic Interests are open for public inspection. The Government Accountability Board will notify you of the identity of any person who examines your Statement. In accordance with §15.04(1)(m), Wisconsin Statutes, the Government Accountability Board states that no personally identifiable information is likely to be used for purposes other than those for which it is collected.

**Gary Hamblin was appointed Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Corrections by Governor Scott Walker in January, 2011. Secretary Hamblin has served in the Wisconsin Criminal Justice System for more than 43 years. He began his career as a Deputy Sheriff in Sawyer County in 1967. In 1968, he joined the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI). Throughout his 29 year career with DCI, he served as a special agent investigating organized crime, white collar crime, public corruption, homicides and other major crimes against persons and property. He also served as the Divisions Administrative Officer, the Director of both the Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Bureau, the Gaming Enforcement Bureau and the Deputy Administrator of the Division of Narcotics Enforcement. In September of 1997, Governor Tommy Thompson appointed Secretary Hamblin as Sheriff of Dane County to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of the incumbent Sheriff. Hamblin was re-elected to the Office of Dane County Sheriff three times before retiring in January, 2007. In February, 2007, Wisconsin Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen appointed Secretary Hamblin to serve as the Administrator of the Division of Law Enforcement Services in the Wisconsin Department of Justice. There, he oversaw the Wisconsin State Crime Laboratory System, the Crime Information Bureau and the Training and Standards Bureau. He served in that role until being appointed by Governor Walker to lead the Wisconsin Department of Corrections.**



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**Confirmation Hearing**  
**Senate Committee on Labor, Public Safety and Urban Affairs**  
**Department of Corrections**  
**Secretary Gary Hamblin**  
**January 25, 2011**

Good afternoon Chairman Wanggaard and members of the Committee. It's a pleasure to appear before you and an honor to be nominated by Governor Scott Walker for Secretary of the Department of Corrections.

Recently, I have had the opportunity to meet personally with each of you. I believe they were productive meetings and I want to thank you for your time then and now, and for your sincere interest in the Department of Corrections.

Public safety has been the focus of my professional career for the past 43 years. I was born and raised in northern Wisconsin and began my career in law enforcement in Sawyer County as the acting undersheriff. I then spent 29 years investigating major crimes and public corruption for the Wisconsin Department of Justice and administering budget and policy for its Division of Criminal Investigation. In 1997, I became the Sheriff of Dane County, the second largest county in the state. I was appointed to the position by Former Governor Tommy Thompson and ran successfully for re-election three times.

In early 2007, I retired as Sheriff and a short time later was appointed Administrator of the Law Enforcement Services Division of the Department of Justice by Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen. As part of my duties, I oversaw the state's Crime Lab and efforts to eliminate its backlog of forensic DNA criminal cases. I also Co-Chaired the state DNA Task Force where I joined with the Department of Corrections and Wisconsin Sheriffs to improve the system for collection of DNA samples from convicted felons.

During my work as Dane County Sheriff and at Justice, I had the opportunity to work closely with individuals at Corrections and was impressed by their dedication, commitment and level of professionalism. As Secretary, I am committed to continuing that high level of public service at the agency, even as we work together during difficult economic times to tackle the state's budget issues.

Public safety is the overriding mission of the Department of Corrections; that has and always will be its priority. It is my role to make sure the Department protects citizens, and at the same time continues to reduce our prison population and caseloads in ways that are safe. I'm also committed to moving forward with efforts to reduce costs whenever possible.

One cannot talk about Corrections, however, without focusing on the cycle of crime and incarceration. In Wisconsin you may find three generations in prison at one time. Breaking that lifestyle cycle of incarceration can be our greatest public service and where Corrections can have the greatest impact. When the best and tested "reentry" strategies are targeted at those inmates ready to use them, we can reduce repeat criminal behavior, keep citizens safer *and* help offenders turn themselves into law-abiding, productive members of society. We really have no other choice; 97 percent of our inmates serve their time and get out and return to the community. When they do, it's the job of Corrections to make sure those individuals have the right skills and tools to succeed in that community.

That's a big job. Almost 9,000 adult offenders are statutorily released from state prisons *each year*. And they come into prison with significant needs: 70 percent of them have substantial alcohol and other drug problems, over 30 percent need mental health treatment, and over half don't have a high school diploma or GED. But by focusing on reentry success, Corrections is making progress. For the first time in the history of the Department, prison populations are dropping. Over the last few years, there's been a small but steady decrease in the total number of incarcerated adults, and successful reentry strategies may be one key reason why.

If endorsed by this committee, I pledge that the Department of Corrections will continue to work with those we have control over – offenders in our custody or under our supervision – and implement the smartest strategies possible to help them change their behavior. This means starting to prepare for an offender's release the moment he or she is placed on supervision or sets foot in prison. We will also better identify the risk each inmate poses by improving the assessment tools used to evaluate their risk and identify their programming needs.

With your support, as Secretary I will lead the agency through implementation of such initiatives as implementing accurate risk assessment, consolidation of inmate case planning across agency Divisions, and "evidence-based" programming for offenders. But, of course, we need to ensure that such initiatives have a proven track record of success.

I also look forward to working with you and the Governor to help people stay out of prison in the first place. Giving judges and courts more options and flexibility at the time of sentencing may lead to safe, community-based alternatives to incarceration. I and the Department of Corrections are ready to be a partner in such sentencing strategies, if indeed those approaches are deemed appropriate and utilized by the courts.

Ongoing agency efforts that rely on partnerships with local and federal law enforcement agencies will continue to be high priorities for Corrections, under my leadership. They

include routine round-ups of fugitives and non-compliant sex offenders, and compiling and coordinating gang member information.

I am also committed to continuing to examine ways we can reduce racial disparity in our institutions, and at the same time expand the ethnic and cultural diversity of our workforce. I support current plans to improve employee training and broaden efforts to recruit and retain a more diverse staff.

In closing, this is both a challenging and exciting time for Corrections. New information shows us that smart, safe reentry strategies may pay off in falling prison populations. But it's also a time to focus on fiscal responsibility and make sure the budget dollar goes farther than ever before. I look forward to working closely with you to hold down both recidivism rates and the cost of housing and supervising offenders, as we maintain the mission of keeping Wisconsin citizens safe.

I believe my more than four decades of street and administrative experience in law enforcement and criminal justice will allow me to execute the duties of Secretary of the Department of Corrections with competence, efficiency and effectiveness. I am greatly honored to be nominated for this role, and ask for your support now and in the coming months and years.

If confirmed, I know that together with your committee, the rest of the state legislature and Governor Scott Walker's administration, we can build an even safer Wisconsin. Thank you for your consideration and now I would be happy to try and answer any questions you may have.