



Dear Members of the Wisconsin State Legislature,

The undersigned organizations join Milwaukee County in encouraging you to support its efforts to re-envision and invest in its courthouse complex facilities, where Milwaukee County provides state-mandated public safety services. A new public safety building is the single most important investment we can deliver to improve public safety in Milwaukee County.

Nearly a century old, the public safety building no longer meets the demands of modern justice. It produces a slow and inefficient justice system, undermines the county's ability to effectively provide state-mandated services, and directly produces negative public safety outcomes in our community. The building creates significant safety risks, as it fails to comply with Wisconsin Supreme Court standards, lacks secure pathways for in-custody defendants, compromises the safety of victims, jurors, staff, and the public, and consumes additional resources that generate significant costs for taxpayers. It is, in fact, crumbling beyond repair.

Investing in a new, modern facility will:

- Improve justice and safety in our community while saving taxpayer dollars,
- Significantly reduce strain on Sheriff staffing and local police departments, enabling resources to be reallocated to proactive community policing,
- Reduce repeat offenses by co-locating support services at the courthouse,
- Generate operational cost savings and efficiencies, and
- Eliminate court backlog and process more cases by reducing delays, mistrials and public safety incidents in Courthouse facilities.

Strong partnerships are key to improving outcomes and maintaining essential services. Nearly 80% of Milwaukee County's property tax levy is dedicated to state-mandated services, including mandates that are unique to Milwaukee County, which saves state taxpayers millions per year. At this level, continued local investment in state-mandated services is unsustainable as costs grow twice as fast as our ability to pay for them. A partnership with the State is necessary for Milwaukee to build a new facility that will positively impact public safety outcomes in the region and preserve important state-mandated public safety services.

When our partners in Madison deliver public safety investment opportunities for Milwaukee County, Milwaukee delivers results – they've done it before and will do it again. When the county and state invested resources to address the case backlog created during the pandemic, Milwaukee County reduced the time of disposition for a felony case from 303 days to 255 days, even while the courts processed an additional 1,500 felony cases annually. That significant improvement and reduction in the case backlog was realized because those state and federal resources were leveraged to add bailiffs and court support staff and implement technical and physical enhancements in the courtrooms.

Milwaukee County is unlike any community in Wisconsin as it is required to deliver critical, state-mandated public safety functions that no other county is required to provide – generating significant savings for taxpayers across the state. State partnership is essential to preserve these critical public safety services, address significant safety and constitutional concerns, maintain court operations, and protect taxpayers.

We urge you to support Milwaukee County's public safety needs and include funding for a new building in Milwaukee County's Courthouse Complex in the State's 2025-2027 Biennial Budget.

Sincerely,

The undersigned organizations

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING - COALITION SUPPORTERS - BY GROUPING

MAY 20, 2025

Public Safety	Business	Business	Association / Interest Group	Government
Acting Assistant Special Agent in Charge -ATF (MCLEEA)	3rd Street Market Hall	Komatsu	Association of General Contractors - MKE	Forest County Potawatomi
Administrator WI DOJ - Div. of Criminal Investigation (MCLEEA)	AECOM	Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee	Building Advantage	City of Cudahy
Assistant Special Agent in Charge - DEA (MCLEEA)	AFSARI Construction Management	Lubar & Co	North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters	City of Franklin
Asst Chief of Milwaukee (City) Housing Authority (MCLEEA)	Ascension	Marcus Corporation	Commercial Association of Realtors - WI	City of Glendale
Badger State Sheriffs' Association	Aurora Health Care	Marquette University	Construction Business Group	City of Greenfield
Captain of United States Coast Guard (MCLEEA)	Bartolotta Restaurants	Medical College of Wisconsin	Forward 48	City of Milwaukee
Captain of Wisconsin State Patrol (MCLEEA)	Bloom Companies, LLC	Michael Best	Greater Milwaukee Committee	City of Oak Creek
Chief Franklin Police Department (MCLEEA)	BMO	Milwaukee 7 - Partnership for Econ. Development	Greater Milwaukee Foundation	City of Shorewood
Chief Glendale Police Department (MCLEEA)	Children's Wisconsin	Milwaukee Area Technical College	Greater MKE Association of Realtors	City of South Milwaukee
Chief of Brown Deer Police Department (MCLEEA)	Concord Group	Milwaukee Bucks	HOAN	City of Wauwatosa
Chief of Cudahy Police Department (MCLEEA)	Cross	Milwaukee School of Engineering	IBEW - Local 494	City of West Allis
Chief of Fox Point Police Department (MCLEEA)	Diamond Discs International	Milwaukee World Festival	Menominee Valley Partners	Village of Bayside
Chief of Greendale Police Department (MCLEEA)	Erin Persky & Associates	MolsonCoors	Milwaukee Jewish Federation	Village of Brown Deer
Chief of Greenfield Police Department (MCLEEA)	Fiserv	Mueller Communications	MKE Building Construction Trades Council	Village of Fox Point
Chief of Hales Corners Police Department (MCLEEA)	Forest County Potawatomi	NORR	MKE Downtown BID	Village of River Hills
Chief of Marquette University Police Department (MCLEEA)	Froedtert	Nelson Schmidt	Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce	Village of West Milwaukee
Chief of Milwaukee Police Department (MCLEEA)	General Capital Group	Pabst Theater Group	NAIOP - Commercial Real Estate Development Assoc.	
Chief of Oak Creek Police Department (MCLEEA)	Generation Growth Capital	Paradigm Shift	Near West Side Parnters	
Chief of River Hills Police Department (MCLEEA)	Gilbane	Plan North Partners	Operating Engineers	
Chief of Saint Francis Police Department (MCLEEA)	Gimbel, Reily, Guerin, Brown	PS Capital Partners	SEIU	
Chief of Shorewood Police Department (MCLEEA)	Graef	Quarles & Brady LLP	Smart - Local 18	
Chief of South Milwaukee Police Department (MCLEEA)	Greenfire	Reinhart	Visit MKE	
Chief of Wauwatosa Police Department (MCLEEA)	Groupware Technologies	Royal Capital Group	Wisconsin Counties Association	
Chief of West Allis Police Department (MCLEEA)	Harley Davidson	Sprecher		
Chief of West Milwaukee Police Department (MCLEEA)	Husch Blackwell	Syslogic		
Chief of Whitefish Bay Police Department (MCLEEA)	HUSCO	T+M Partners		
Chief of Wisconsin State Capitol Police (MCLEEA)	ibc engineering services, inc	The Barry Company		
Chief of Wisconsin State Fair Park Police (MCLEEA)	Interstate Parking & Development	Trunk Branch Twig Bud		
Director of High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (MCLEEA)	Johnson Controls	Town Bank		
Enough is Enough	JP Cullen	University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee		
Fraternal Order of Police - Cream City Ledge #8	Kapur	War Memorial Center		
Interim Chief Bayside Police Department (MCLEEA)	Klein & Hoffman	WE Energy Group		
Interim Chief of UW Milwaukee Police Department (MCLEEA)		Wisconsin Center District		
Marshal of US Marshals Service (MCLEEA)		Wisconsin Community Services, Inc		
Milwaukee Bar Association		WRTP Big Step		
MKE County Chief Judge		Zizzo Group		
MKE County District Attorney				
MKE County Deputies Association				
MKE County Office of Emergency Management				
MKE County Executive				
MKE County Law Enforcement Exec Association (MCLEEA)				
MKE County Sheriff				
MKE Fire Assoc (Local 215)				
MKE Police Association (Local 21)				
Resident Agent in Charge - US Secret Service (MCLEEA)				
Safe & Sound				
Sojourner Family Peace Center				
Special Agent in Charge - FBI (MCLEEA)				
Wisconsin Fraternal Order of Police				
Wisconsin Sheriffs & Deputy Sheriffs Association				
Wisconsin State Bar Association				



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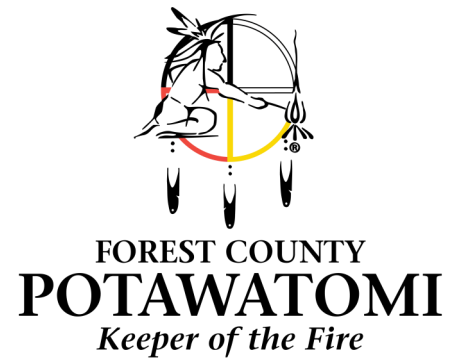


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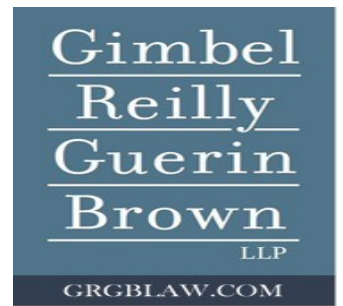
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