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Chief Judge Carl Ashley
Milwaukee Circuit Court
901 N 9th Street
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Re: Letter from Wisconsin State Public Defenders dated October 24, 2025

Dear Chief Judge Carl Ashley and Honorable Members of the Judiciary,

My office has become aware of the attached letter, dated October 24, 2025, from the Milwaukee office of the Wisconsin Public Defenders. The contents of the letter are not only inappropriate, but riddled with inaccuracies about the grassroots organization, Enough is Enough—A Legacy for Erin. I feel compelled to right the record on behalf of Enough is Enough.

I want to communicate my strong disapproval of this communication. In a follow-up meeting with the State Public Defenders, I directly expressed my complete objection to the targeting of Enough is Enough and the SPD's efforts to intimidate this volunteer group. This volunteer organization and other grassroots groups alike have a right to be engaged in the public court process.

As such, I respectfully request that you dismiss any efforts to disparage or besmirch Enough is Enough and their important efforts to end reckless driving in our state. The baseless accusations and irrelevant information regarding Enough is Enough contained in the October 24 letter serve no purpose other than to wrongly discredit the organization and intimidate volunteers from participating in the public process.

I will be continuing to monitor this issue and engage as necessary. As part of my efforts, I have reached out to Enough is Enough directly, reiterating their valuable role and thanking them for their service to the community. It is my position that the State Public Defenders would do right by following suit. I have enclosed our letter to Enough is Enough for your review.

Thank you for your attention in reviewing this important matter and your service to our state.

Sincerely,

CC: Kent Lovern, Milwaukee County District Attorney
Jeffrey Altenburg, Milwaukee Chief Deputy District Attorney