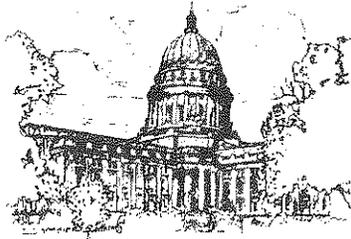


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Wisconsin State Senate

19TH SENATE DISTRICT

March 9, 2010

Deborah Galeazzi
Menasha City Clerk
140 Main St.
Menasha, WI 54952

Dear Deborah:

Thank you for sending the Menasha Common Council's resolution opposing the Department of Revenue's proposed county assessment mandate.

I share the Council's concern and oppose the proposed mandate. The Department's mandate takes away local control from towns, villages and cities. It places additional burdens on property owners who will be required to deal with county officials, instead of local officials, and will lead to the movement of board of review procedures from a local community to the county courthouse in the county seat.

There is no doubt in my mind the cost of implementing a county system will exceed the cost of the current system. Those higher costs will be borne by property taxpayers. I believe if there are problems with the current system, we should look at specifically identified problems in a cooperative manner with local units of government instead of mandating the implementation of a centralized county system. You can count on my opposition to the county system mandate in the Senate.

Thanks again for sharing the resolution. The City Council's continued input on legislative issues is always welcome and appreciated.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL G. ELLIS
State Senator
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