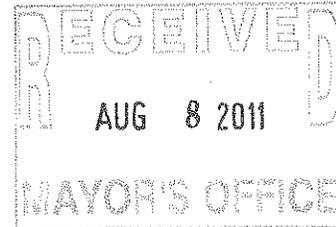


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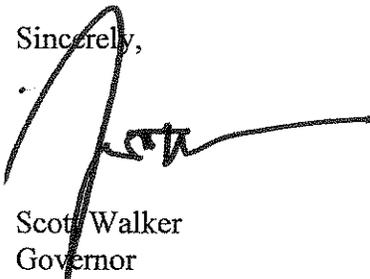
Dear Mayor Merkes,

Thank you for sharing your Resolution regarding 2011 Assembly Bill 182. Among other things, this legislation would prohibit municipal electric or water utilities from collecting certain utility arrearages from owners of rental properties as property liens.

Legislation on this issue has come before the Legislature in the past, most recently in 2009 as Assembly Bill 404. As with all pieces of legislation, I would encourage you to discuss your concerns and recommendations with members of the Legislature. Bills often change many times when they are moving through the legislative process. If this bill arrives on my desk I will judge the legislation, as I do all bills that come to me for action, based on its merits. At that time I will decide whether or not to sign it into law.

I appreciate that the Village is taking the time to review important issues such as this one. I will keep the Village's position in mind moving forward. Your input, as well as that of other state residents is very important to me as I work to address the challenges facing Wisconsin.

Sincerely,



Scott Walker  
Governor