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Wisconsin Mayors and Village Presidents:

The Wisconsin Legislature tightened restrictions on levy limits and over-rode many residency requirements for municipal employees. These were just the two most recent examples of state interference in home-rule. Our best response, and the best way to preserve our local communities, is for local leaders to work together.

Please join me at the League of Wisconsin Municipalities' Annual Conference on October 16-18 at the KI Center in Green Bay. Please also encourage other governing body members from your community to join you. Join our advocacy efforts and help reverse the flow of bad legislation coming from the state capitol.

As League President, I hear from city and village leaders about the enormous financial pressure on our communities. The pressure will get worse—not better—unless we take forceful action together. Our strength as an organization depends on the unified actions of all municipal officials. If we don't work together, we will be chopped up piecemeal.

Conference registration information is on the League's Website, [www.lwm-info.org](http://www.lwm-info.org)

I look forward to seeing you in Green Bay.

Warmest Regards,

John Small, Village President, Marathon City  
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