



10 July 2015

Governor Scott Walker
Room 115 East, State Capitol
P.O. Box 7863
Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7863

RE: State Budget Bill 2015-17 Veto Request

Dear Governor Walker:

On behalf of the City of Menasha, we are writing to respectfully request that you veto the policy item that prohibits local code compliance at the time of sale which the Legislature inserted into the state budget on behalf of the Wisconsin Realtors Association.

When policy items such as this are inserted into the state budget without being carefully vetted they often have unintended consequences. In the case of prohibiting local code compliance at the time of sale of a property, the State is taking away the most effective way municipalities have to deal with eliminating blight, identifying clearwater and sewage infiltration issues, improving neighborhoods, and increasing property values. Having tools such as "time of sale" ordinances allows the safety and aesthetic repairs that neighbors and/or tenants are demanding at a time when funds are available either because of a new mortgage or proceeds from the sale of the property. This new provision unnecessarily interferes with local control and negatively impacts the ability of our city to serve our citizens.

Thank you for considering this request on behalf of the citizens of the City of Menasha.

Sincerely,

Donald Merkes
Mayor
City of Menasha

Dan Zelinski
Sixth District Alderman
City of Menasha