January 24, 2018

TO: Governor Walker
Wisconsin Counties Association
Wisconsin State Legislators

SUBJECT: Douglas County Resolution #7-18
2017 Senate Bill 54 and 2017 Assembly Bill 94 Opposed

Attached is above referenced Resolution #7-18, certified and adopted by the Douglas County Board of Supervisors at their January 18, 2018, meeting.

Your support for the intent of this Resolution is appreciated.

Best regards,

Mark Liebaert, Chair
Douglas County Board of Supervisors
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Equal Opportunity Employer
RESOLUTION #7-18

RESOLUTION BY THE DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Subject: 2017 Senate Bill 54 and 2017 Assembly Bill 94 Opposed

WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced in the form of 2017 Senate Bill 54 and 2017 Assembly Bill 94, to amend the Wisconsin state statutes to require the Department of Corrections to recommend revoking a person’s extended supervision, probation, or parole if the person is charged with a crime while on extended supervision, probation, or parole, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Corrections estimates that this legislation could result in an increase of 5,570 revocation cases each year, which means 5,570 more individuals would be occupying county jails without proper reimbursement from the state, and

WHEREAS, this legislation, as drafted, is an unfunded mandate to Wisconsin’s counties and jails, and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that this bill could result in increased operating and construction costs for the Department of Corrections, exceeding $51,000,000 during the first year of enactment, and ongoing and permanent increased operational costs of over $149,000,000 after the population is annualized during the second year of enactment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee and opposes the passage of 2017 Senate Bill 54 and 2017 Assembly Bill 94, and urges Wisconsin state legislators to vote against both bills, and Governor Walker to veto any act created by passing of the bills.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon passage of this resolution, copies be sent to all Wisconsin counties, Wisconsin state legislators, Wisconsin Counties Association, and Governor Walker.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Supervisors strongly opposes both bills due to the fact that they circumvent “Due Process”, which is that anyone charged with a crime is presumed innocent until proven guilty and assumes that the individuals, in these situations, are guilty until proven innocent.

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS)

I hereby certify that this resolution is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Douglas County Board of Supervisors on (Committee Action: Unanimous)

Dated this 18th day of January, 2018.

(Fiscal Note: None)

Susan T. Sandwick, County Clerk