



Milwaukee County

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BILL WOULD DIMINISH MILWAUKEE'S INFLUENCE ON MATC BOARD

MMAC's private agenda rears its ugly head again

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Supervisor Gerry Broderick released the following statement opposing Senate Bill 275, which would abolish the elected Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC) Board and replace it with appointees from Milwaukee County and surrounding counties:

“The Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce’s (MMAC) private business agenda is rearing its ugly head once again, and this time MATC is the target. The continuing attack on the taxpayers of Milwaukee County is astounding and unacceptable! Consideration of Senate Bill 275 was done behind closed doors to ensure a minimum amount of public response.

“While 90% of students attending MATC campuses come from Milwaukee County, only 6% come from Washington and Ozaukee Counties. Yet, the bill’s provisions give these outlying counties 50% control of the proposed four-person board. Milwaukee taxpayers should be outraged at this blatant power grab by the MMAC.

“Milwaukee taxpayers provide 84% of the total funding for MATC and should not have their representation diminished in favor of private business interests. The individuals and businesses pushing this bill clearly do not believe in democracy. Shame on them.”

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