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**CHAIRMAN HOLLOWAY URGES STATE JOINT FINANCE COMMITTEE
TO HOLD BUDGET HEARING IN MILWAUKEE COUNTY**

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Board Chairman Lee Holloway, in an effort to ensure that the residents of the Southeastern portion of Wisconsin are not ignored, has urged State leadership to hold a public hearing of the Joint Committee on Finance (JFC) in Milwaukee County on the Governor's biennial budget proposal: Assembly Bill 100.

In referencing a letter dated February 25, 2005 from Holloway to Senator Scott Fitzgerald and Representative Dean Kaufert, Co-Chairs of the Joint Committee on Finance, "The Constituents of Milwaukee County deserve a chance to have their voices heard by members of the influential state budget writing committee", said Holloway.

Although applauding the efforts of The JFC in scheduling public hearings in the communities of Watertown, Cleveland, Menomonee and Merrill; Holloway is keenly aware that failure to include a Milwaukee County location as a public hearing site, forces constituents to travel at least an hour to weigh in on this very important legislation. "Milwaukee County has an informed electorate who are eager to participate in lively discussions regarding what state lawmakers could do to better meet the needs of Milwaukee's residents", says Holloway. "Making these communications convenient and accessible to Southeastern Wisconsin citizens is an integral part of the democratic process and promotes an open and responsive government".

"In requesting a Milwaukee County location to be included in the schedule of public hearings, I'm simply encouraging that the long-standing tradition of including Southeastern Wisconsin in the budgetary process be continued by current State leadership", says Holloway.

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