



# *Milwaukee County*

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### **VICTIMS OF SEX CRIMES DESERVE RESOURCES, SUPPORT, AND HOPE** *Governor, Attorney General plan to reduce support for sex assault victims*

**Milwaukee, WI** – Milwaukee County Supervisor Eyon Biddle, Sr., is responding to a pending decision from the Wisconsin Department of Justice that would reduce aid for Sexual Assault Victim Services by more than 42%. As a member of the County Board’s Judiciary, Safety & General Services Committee, Supervisor Biddle is calling on Governor Scott Walker, Legislative Leaders including the Joint Committee on Finance, and Attorney General J. B. Van Hollen to take action to preserve these critical services.

“If we refuse to help adults and children overcome tragedies as severe as sexual assault, then there is no hope left for our leaders in Madison,” Supervisor Biddle added. “This is the latest in a series of disgusting decisions made by our State’s top politicians. Whether it’s Governor Walker, majority members of the Legislature, or Attorney General Van Hollen, the most vulnerable people in our community just can’t seem to catch a break. By thinking outside the box, Supervisor Biddle believes administrative efficiencies can be identified within the Department to absorb these cuts in a different way.”

“Decreasing this grant funding in 2012 would be a disaster. Victims of sexual predators should not also become victims of draconian budget cuts,” Supervisor Biddle said. “There’s still an opportunity to reverse this wrong. The Department of Administration has the ability to intervene and put a stop to this.”

Supervisor Biddle’s track record on fighting sex abuse is clear. In November, the County Board unanimously approved a resolution authored by Supervisor Biddle creating a Human Trafficking Task Force.

“I will continue this fight on behalf of the adults and children who are sexually assaulted,” Supervisor Biddle added. “Whether at the Federal, State, County or Municipal level, we need to do everything we can to provide resources, support and, ultimately, hope, for people who have nowhere else to turn.”

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