



Milwaukee County Board

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County Board Invoices Taxpayers for Living Wage Ordinance *Taxpayers deserve an explanation from Rep. Bowen*

MILWAUKEE—The Milwaukee County Board has passed a resolution allocating over a half of a million taxpayer dollars to deal with the effects of the Living Wage Ordinance (LWO), touted by former County Supervisor, current State Representative David Bowen as an initiative that would cost the county nothing.

“We know now that was either a purposeful lie repeated over and over again, or an example of leftist economic ignorance that should go down in the history books,” said Supervisor Deanna Alexander.

“This \$500,000 was the price tag for bringing a single vendor into compliance for a single contract. I can hardly believe that the Board approved writing the check and I dread to see what other surprises the LWO holds for taxpayers down the line,” she continued.

Then-Supervisor Bowen promised taxpayers that they would not pay any of the added costs—he alleged that businesses would pay instead.

“Representative Bowen and every other County Supervisor that co-sponsored the Living Wage Ordinance under the notion that it would not cost the county anything, owe the public an explanation,” said Alexander.

The board approved taking the money from the county’s contingency funds on a 13-5 (*No: Alexander, Borkowski, Schmitt, Staskunas, Taylor*) vote.

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