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FROM THE COUNTY TO THE STATE: GOVERNOR WALKER CONTINUES UNFAIR TREATMENT OF WORKERS

Supervisors stand in solidarity with former Supervisor Larson and Wisconsin's working families

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Supervisors Marina Dimitrijevic, Nikiya Harris, Gerry Broderick, and John F. Weishan released the following statement Monday morning:

“Watching the recent events unfold in Madison brings back not too distant memories of Governor Walker’s days as Milwaukee County Executive. His misuse of the budget as an excuse to attack public employees is the same, and once again, he has gone too far. In Milwaukee County, he hid behind an inflated budget deficit to unilaterally privatize County Courthouse security guards without input from the public or the legislative branch. Now, the security guards are back, and we are stuck with hundreds of thousands of dollars in bills due to his inability to effectively communicate.

“While there are significant budget challenges at the State, he allows very little public debate and once again repeats his refusal to sit down and negotiate an honest contract. Workers are willing to discuss concessions, but they have not been allowed a voice in the debate. Now, the Governor wants to end their right to collectively bargain. This is the same failure of leadership we saw in Milwaukee County, but this time it’s even worse.

“Lastly, we are honored to have served with our friend, State Senator Chris Larson, on the County Board. We completely support his protest of the unjust actions being taken by those who currently control the State. We stood with Larson against Walker’s unfair treatment of workers in Milwaukee County, and proudly do the same now.”

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