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MILWAUKEE COUNTY SUPERVISOR

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Mr. Lee Holloway, Chairman
Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
Milwaukee County Courthouse
901 North 9th Street - #201
Milwaukee, WI 53233

Dear Chairman Holloway:

I am writing to call upon you to remove Supervisor Thomas as Chairman of the Finance and Audit Committee. The charges brought against Supervisor Thomas include two felony counts alleging that he accepted a bribe in exchange for taking official action in his role as Chairman of the Finance and Audit Committee. These charges cast a darker cloud over the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors and impede Supervisor Thomas' ability to continue in his role as Chairman of the County Board committee dealing with financial matters.

At a time in which Milwaukee County faces significant fiscal and operational challenges, it is imperative that the board not be distracted by challenges to the board's integrity that will cause further erosion of the County Board's credibility. The public must have confidence that the person you have appointed to lead this committee will act in full compliance with both the letter and the spirit of ethical and legal rules, laws and regulations.

The best course to follow is to make an immediate change in the chairmanship of this committee until such time there is a final and complete conclusion to these unfortunate criminal charges.

Please do the right thing for Milwaukee County and the integrity of the Board of Supervisors by making this change post-haste.

Very truly yours,

Joseph A. Rice
Supervisor, District 6