



# MILWAUKEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

## Supervisor Peter Burgelis - District 15

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### **Elafiphobia from Milwaukee is REAL! Supervisor Burgelis Expresses Sympathy for Residents of Boston Crippled with Elafiphobia**

Boston, MA - According to recent surveys, residents of Boston have reported feeling increasingly frightened of deer, with the city having the highest rates of Elafiphobia, or fear of deer, in the nation.

The surveys were conducted over a period of six months, with a sample size of over 1,000 residents across different neighborhoods in the city. The results show that almost 80% of the respondents reported feeling anxious or scared in the presence of deer, and over 90% expressed concerns about deer harming themselves or others. District 15 County Supervisor Peter Burgelis made the following statement:

*"The deer in Milwaukee are very friendly and playful, and they have become a symbol of strength and pride for our community," said Supervisor Burgelis. "We understand that recent increase in deer sightings in Boston cause some fear and anxiety among their residents, but we want to assure them that our deer, including our beloved Bucks players, are not a threat. They plan on migrating to your city, winning a few games in spectacular fashion, and eliminating you from the playoffs, but other than that mean no harm."*

Supervisor Burgelis also expressed his sympathy for the residents of Boston, stating that fear is a natural response to the unfamiliar and freaky, and that he hopes the city can find a way to coexist with its deer population.

*"We understand that fear is a natural response to the unknown, and we empathize with the people of Boston who are experiencing Elafiphobia. Even after taking the regular season series 2-1, Boston residents find themselves crippled with fear at the thought of seeing deer in May," said Supervisor Burgelis. "We hope that the city can find ways to educate its residents about the behavior of deer and how to coexist peacefully with them. One tip I can offer today, avoid their antlers and sharp corners of the Larry O'Brien Trophy."*

Happy April Fools' Day from all of us at Milwaukee County!

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