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Supervisor Steve F. Taylor Stands Firm Against County Funds for American Family Field

MILWAUKEE — County Supervisor Steve F. Taylor today reiterated his opposition to burdening Milwaukee County taxpayers with the cost of improvements to American Family Field. This stance comes in light of the [recent proposal](#) by County Executive David Crowley that Wisconsin Act 12 be changed to allow “more financial flexibility” on the part of Milwaukee County to fund stadium repairs.

Supervisor Taylor made the following statement:

“Once again, I’m being forced to play defense against irresponsible use of taxpayer money. The idea of dipping into the county coffers for the sake of American Family Field improvements is a déjà vu we could all do without. It hasn’t even been five years since the stadium tax ended, and now we’re supposed to ask residents to open their pockets and pay even more? No way.

There has been a total lack of transparency from the County Executive on this ‘local contribution’ proposal, with no disclosure whatsoever in the leadup to the Board’s vote on increasing the county sales tax. It feels like a bait and switch to sell county residents on the idea of using new tax revenue to help deal with \$1 billion in deferred maintenance and cover state-mandated services — only to turn around after the increase has passed and suggest footing the bill for the Brewers.”

The five-county stadium tax — initially introduced to fund the construction of Miller Park — expired in 2020 after 24 years, finally alleviating taxpayers from this financial obligation. Now, the proposal to shift the burden once again onto the shoulders of hardworking Milwaukee County residents has raised concerns among citizens and public officials alike.

On May 25, 2023, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors [unanimously passed](#) a resolution sponsored by Supervisor Taylor, opposing the use of county tax revenue for long-term renovations at American Family Field. The resolution was signed by County Executive Crowley.

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