



**Wisconsin
County Code
Administrators**

January 23, 2008

Representative Lee Nerison
Chairperson / Committee on Rural Affairs
Room 310 N, State Capitol
PO Box 8953
Madison WI 53708

RE: AB 79 relating to The Powers of Certain Towns, Authorizing the Creation of Charter Towns by Certain Town Boards, and Expanding the Authority of Charter Towns to Create Tax Incremental Financing Districts.

Dear Representative Lee Nerison:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Wisconsin County Code Administrators (WCCA). WCCA is an Association of County Planning, Zoning and Sanitary Code Officials throughout the State of Wisconsin who are responsible for administering many land use and environmental health regulations.

WCCA opposes Assembly Bill 79.

This Bill would allow certain Towns to opt out of County Zoning and act as a quasi-incorporated jurisdiction. The WCCA feels that the creation of another level of government, i.e. a Charter Town, will be more burdensome than beneficial. Furthermore, this Bill mandates a County to adopt a Charter Towns official planning map verbatim, which our organization believes is contrary to Wisconsin's Smart Growth Comprehensive Planning Law.

WCCA respectfully requests the Committee on Rural Affairs to oppose passage of this Bill.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this correspondence please feel free to contact me at 715-369-6176.

Sincerely,

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