



**Wisconsin
County Code
Administrators**

January 25, 2011

Representative Jeffrey Mursau
36th Assembly District
Room 18 North
State Capitol
PO Box 8953
Madison, WI 53708
RE: Public Hearing on AB 10

Dear Representative Mursau:

Please accept this letter sent via email submitted on behalf of the Wisconsin County Code Administrators (WCCA) regarding a public hearing scheduled for tomorrow, January 26, 2011, regarding AB 10. WCCA is a statewide organization of county planning, zoning and sanitary code officials. Our members are charged with the responsibility to administer and enforce land use, environmental and public health regulations. During a meeting of our Executive Board held on Thursday, January 20, 2011 the topic of AB 10 generated discussion and the adoption of a position.

The WCCA opposes this bill in its entirety. The WCCA Executive Board understands that there are situations where a relaxation of a regulation is appropriate. However, our concerns are three-fold: First, the board believes that project-specific legislation, in this case related to exempt a single municipality, is problematic public policy. Second, the board believes that AB 10 specifically negates the opportunity for due process by blocking the right of appeal to groups or individuals. Third, the board believes that the adoption of AB 10 may act as an entering wedge to future legislation intended to provide a specific project a special exemption. Lastly, as Chair of the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources, you may anticipate our continued interest regarding matters coming before the committee.

Thank you for your consideration of our perspective on this issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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