



**Wisconsin  
County Code  
Administrators**

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May 17, 2007

Representative Mark Gottlieb  
Chairperson – Committee on Urban and Local Affairs  
Room 309 North, State Capitol  
P.O. Box 8952  
Madison, WI 53708

RE: AB Bill 290 relating to requiring funding for bills imposing state mandates on local units of governments.

Dear Representative Mark Gottlieb:

As Chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Wisconsin County Code Administrators (WCCA), I would like to submit the following comments and position on Assembly Bill 290. The WCCA is an association of County Zoning Administrators and Sanitary Inspectors who are responsible for the administration and enforcement of the County's land regulations which include zoning codes (floodplain, wetland, shoreland, etc.), private sewage systems codes, land division codes and comprehensive planning. Many of the codes and laws we administrate are mandated by the state such as sanitary codes (COMM 83-86), floodplain regulations (NR116), shoreland regulations (NR115), comprehensive planning (Smarth Growth), just to name a few.

WCCA strongly supports Assembly Bill 290.

Over the years, the State has cut budgets and personnel, forcing county governments to administrate programs which they can no longer fund. Now county governments are cutting budgets and personnel, and we no longer have the money, time or personnel to administrate state mandated programs unless the state supports these programs by requiring them to be funded.

WCCA respectfully requests the Committee on Urban and Local to support the passage of this bill.

Sincerely,

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