



**Wisconsin
County Code
Administrators**

August 31, 2007

Senator Judy Robson
Room 211 South
State Capitol
P.O. Box 7882
Madison, WI 53707

RE: Proposed elimination of the Wisconsin Fund Program from the State Budget

Dear Senator Judy Robson:

As Chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Wisconsin County Code Administrators (WCCA), I would like to submit the following comments on the elimination of the Wisconsin Fund Program from the State budget. 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.

WCCA strongly disagrees with the elimination of the Wisconsin Fund Program from the State Budget.

Since its establishment in 1978 the Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Replacement or Rehabilitation Financial Assistance program, commonly referred to as the Wisconsin Fund, has awarded over 83.3 million in grants for nearly 34,400 residence and business to replace or rehabilitate failing private system statewide. Wisconsin Fund has become a valuable tool for counties to protect public health, safety and waters of the county by facilitating the replacement or rehabilitation of private systems as a proactive component of code enforcement.

The absence of the Wisconsin Fund would create a financial hardship for several owners of failed private systems to comply with state administrative code requirements to have said failed systems replaced or rehabilitated and will furthermore case a financial strain on county's ability to enforce said code requirements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle J. Staff". The signature is written in a cursive style and is placed on a light gray rectangular background.

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cc: WCCA Executive Board
Wisconsin Counties Association