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***Proposal to Reduce Milwaukee County  
Board Another Unnecessary Distraction:  
Calls On Leaders to Focus on Real Issues***

**MILWAUKEE:** SEIU Healthcare Wisconsin strongly opposes the outrageous plan to reduce the County Board; it is a threat to both democracy and oversight of critical public services including mass transit and parks for Milwaukee County.

Reducing the County Board to part time and eliminating essential support staff is another distraction from the real problems facing Milwaukee County. In a time of dire economic conditions, we need the state legislature to work together with local elected officials to address critical issues like job creation and economic development. We need real solutions, not partisan games, to create family-sustaining jobs in Milwaukee County.

“Milwaukee is the largest and most diverse county in Wisconsin, and a vital part of Wisconsin’s economic growth. Yet its citizens are economically oppressed,” said Dian Palmer, president of SEIU Healthcare Wisconsin. “We have full time problems that require full time supervisors who seek proactive solutions to get our citizens back to work.”

The proposal to decimate the County Board should be abandoned. It’s time for our corporate and community leaders to join together with political leaders to tackle the real problems of our County, and not be distracted by plans that only serve to further reduce our democracy and harm public services.

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