



## WISCONSIN COUNTY EXECUTIVES AND ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION

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Dear Senate Select Committee Members and Members of the Assembly  
Committee on Ways and Means:

RE: LRB-3511/1 Proposed Constitutional Amendment – Revenue Control

LRB-3511/1, the proposed constitutional amendment on revenue control also known as the Taxpayers Protection Amendment (TPA), which basically limits how much the state, counties, municipalities, public schools and technical colleges could collect in taxes and fees, set off an extensive review by the membership of Wisconsin County Executives and Administrators Association.

WCEA is concerned with our the future abilities to effectively provide services in county government as expressed in the attached information completed by:

- Craig Thompson, Wisconsin Counties Association
- Adam N. Payne, Sheboygan County Administrator Coordinator
- Michael Serpe, Kenosha County Administrative Assistant/Lobbyist

While Adam Payne attended the Senate Select Committee hearing last week as a representative of WCEA, we urge you to have a free forum to discuss TPA. The majority of WCEA members believe that should TPA succeed in passing, local controls and authority for our administrative or elected position would be usurped, which could ultimately impede service levels within our counties.

Please understand that a small group of counties continue to survive without instituting a sales tax. The TPA will negate such an institution that is always considered a fall back solution to provide services and fulfill mandates under the tax freeze presently imposed on counties.

Please be aware that many of us agree that changes do need to be made in the growth of taxes for our citizens; however, limiting local authority is not effective government.

Sincerely,

Toby Paltzer  
WCEA President