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To: Assembly Speaker Robin Vos
Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald
Joint Finance Co-Chair John Nygren
Joint Finance Co-Chair Alberta Darling

Dear Legislative Leaders,

As you are aware, communities across Wisconsin have faced devastating flooding over the past several days as a result of heavy rains. In response to these floods, our administration has worked with state agencies to ensure a prompt response and activated the National Guard to help communities recover. Western Wisconsin has been severely impacted. On Thursday I toured the flood damage in Arcadia and on Friday saw the destruction in Ontario.

I am writing today to urge you to support a project that will help protect against future flooding. Representatives Pronschinske and Petryk have drafted a budget motion that would provide \$14.6 million from the State Building Program to the City of Arcadia to assist in building and reinforcing levees and floodwalls along Turton Creek and the Trempealeau River.

The floodwalls and levees supported through this initiative would build on previous steps that the community has taken to protect itself from flooding, including investments to improve storm water infrastructure and pumping capacity, and rerouting Myers Valley Creek.

This project would help to protect a growing community. Arcadia supports 5,000 jobs and is home to seven international companies - these jobs provide growth and prosperity to the city and the surrounding region. In recent years Arcadia has been home to an expansion by Ashley Furniture, become the site of a new Mayo Clinic facility, and new homes have been built. With this investment, Arcadia would support additional economic development.

Again, I urge you to give your support to this vital project that will protect a growing community from future floods and promote economic development.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Walker', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Scott Walker

Governor

CC: Representative Treig Pronschinske
Representative Warren Petryk