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Subject: Co-sponsorship of LRB 5249/p2, The Recovery of Unsettled Municipal Payments Act - Due Mon, Jan 27 at 5pm

TO: Legislative Colleagues
FROM: Sen. Jeff Smith and Sen. Chris Larson
Rep. Amanda Stuck and Rep. Jodi Emerson

DATE: Monday, January 13, 2020
RE: Co-sponsorship of LRB 5249/p2:
The Recovery of Unsettled Municipal Payments Act

DEADLINE: **5pm on Monday, January 27th, 2020**

Wisconsin is shaping up to become another battleground for the 2020 Presidential Race. Campaign events draw large crowds and require significant resources from local governments to ensure participants can safely attend.

The Cities of Eau Claire and Green Bay still have outstanding bills for presidential campaign visits from 2016. The biggest offender being President Donald Trump. Eau Claire and Green Bay are not alone for unpaid bills from the President's campaign. According to the Center for Public Integrity, President Trump still owes municipalities throughout the United States \$841,219. Here is a list of municipalities President Trump still owed money to as of June 13, 2019:

El Paso, Texas: \$471,417.05
Tucson, Arizona: \$81,837.00
Spokane, Washington: \$65,124.69
Mesa, Arizona: \$64,467.56
Eau Claire, Wisconsin: \$47,398.00
Billings, Montana: \$42,811.00
Erie, Pennsylvania: \$35,129.27
Lebanon, Ohio: \$16,191.00
Green Bay, Wisconsin \$9,380.00
Burlington, Vermont: \$8,464.27

Before President Trump or any of the other presidential campaigns come to Wisconsin, they should pay their bill if they expect to hold events for the voters. Candidates need to compensate taxpayers before holding any more events and should be expected to pay upfront to ensure this doesn't happen again.

We are introducing LRB 5249/p2 to ensure consistency throughout Wisconsin by prohibiting campaigns with outstanding bills from receiving a permit for another event until all debts are paid. LRB 5249/p2 also allows municipalities to charge in advance of the events.

Whether Democrat or Republican, we can all agree that Wisconsin municipalities should receive payment for their services during the Presidential campaign season.

To co-sponsor LRB 5249/p2, please reply to this email, call Sen. Smith's office at 6-8546 or call Rep. Stuck's office at 6-3070 by 5pm on Monday, January 27, 2020.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under this bill, a city, village, town, or county may require a presidential or vice-presidential campaign to pay in advance for certain costs the local government expects to incur that are directly related to a campaign event held at a public venue.

The bill authorizes the local government to require the payment of its estimated costs in advance of issuing a permit to hold the event. The costs to which the bill applies are costs for police and sanitation services.

The bill also prohibits a political subdivision from issuing a campaign event permit to a presidential or vice-presidential campaign if the political subdivision has evidence that the campaign owes money to another Wisconsin political subdivision for unpaid campaign event costs.

For further information see the ***local*** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.