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Circuit Court operations have relied more heavily on county funding in recent years. State funding for our court system has fallen millions of dollars short. This gap leaves us unable to cover state-mandated costs, particularly as criminal filings continue to rise. This funding gap has forced the County to cut positions and reduce services just to balance the budget. In our Circuit Courts alone, we have had to eliminate 19 full-time positions in the last 15 years. The share of fines and forfeitures between the state and county is disproportionate. In 2023, \$3,879,211.42 was remitted to the state and \$921,899.06 was retained by Waukesha County. Without additional revenue, we can no longer sustain the services we are required to provide. The proposed county sales tax will help offset the state's funding shortfall and prevent further drastic reductions in essential services. I support the County Board and the county sales tax solution.

Sincerely,

Monica Paz  
Clerk of Circuit Court, Waukesha County