



Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

Lee Holloway

Chairman of the Board

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Members of the Milwaukee County Ethics Board
Members of the Personnel Review Board

Dear Ethics Board/Personnel Review Board Members:

I am writing regarding the article at the top of the front page of this morning's *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, which made serious allegations. The story was false. I profoundly hope that, out of fairness to me, and more importantly, out of a sense of responsibility to the public, the newspaper sets the facts straight as timely and as prominently as they have mis-reported them.

Any suggestion that I would vote to block or reduce funding for the Ethics Board investigation is totally false. I think it has been made obvious, and remains obvious, that any attempt to do so would be inappropriate. I would abstain from any vote on the matter, not voting for or against. While the Ethics Board has made many decisions that, in my opinion, made these matters dramatically more expensive with which to deal, it has always been clear to me that I should not, and I will not, act to block or reduce funding.

At Monday's County Board meeting, Supervisors discussed a number of issues of serious importance to Milwaukee County and even to the entire State of Wisconsin. A number of Supervisors spoke out strongly and thoughtfully about the obsession of a few to remove me from the Chairmanship. Unfortunately, this passionate discussion received relatively little attention from our local newspaper. This morning's article buried yesterday's important events in a story that was totally inaccurate.

I wanted to bring these points to your direct attention so that you would have the benefit of my perspective and position on these matters. I respect the process and the law, as I know you do as well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lee Holloway".

Lee Holloway
Chairman,
Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors