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Dear Representative Phil Montgomery:

I wanted to pass along some additional information regarding the potential impact to the City of De Pere and the Greater Green Bay Area if we do not have the ability to create a regional transit authority. Humana has been working with the City and Green Bay Transit to get bus service to its main facility on Lawrence Drive with approximately 2,500 employees for the past several years. The closest we have been able to get a route to Humana is adjacent to Wal-Mart.

Humana is currently seeking proposals to expand their facility on site or at a different location (including several out-of-state options). The City built, at no cost to Humana, a \$250,000 signal light intersection at the end of their driveway on Lawrence Drive in 2008 in an attempt to address their employee access issues. They currently use several shifts to break up traffic flow, but still have difficulty in getting employees out of their facility. They have numerous employees that are requesting and needing bus service to get to and from work.

Humana has indicated bus service is very, very important to them and will likely play a part in their decision for expansion on site or moving to a new location. We believe it is very unlikely that we will be able to keep Humana in Wisconsin if they move from this location due to the level of incentives other states are willing to offer that Wisconsin does not. We also believe Humana may consider moving their other locations out of State if they move their largest facility out of State since they are also considering additional consolidations of facilities. **The total job loss to our region and the State could approach 3,500 positions.** The economic impact of this loss would be significant at any time. In the current economy, it would be devastating.

De Pere and the Greater Green Bay Area needs the ability to create a regional transit authority. If we lose our Federal funding due to the 2010 census, it is probable we will not be able to provide bus service to companies like Humana as well as all of the other businesses, schools (Syble Hopp) and individuals that depend on this bus service. **I strongly urge you and the other members of the Joint Finance Committee to support the ability of communities and regions to create regional transit authorities.**

Thank you for your consideration on this issue and please call or email me if you need additional information or have questions that I can assist you with.

Sincerely,



Larry Delo  
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