

Wisconsin District Attorneys Association: Regarding 2017-2018 budget

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The Wisconsin District Attorney Association, a volunteer organization, representing Wisconsin's District Attorneys, Deputy District Attorneys and Assistant District Attorneys released the following statement on Governor Scott Walker's signing of the budget bill:

The WDAA thanks the Legislature and Governor for funding the merit-based pay plan of Deputy and Assistant District Attorneys in the State budget bill. Deputy and assistant district attorneys are vital to the communities they serve as they are crucial in prosecuting large caseloads in district attorney offices statewide.

The WDAA helped galvanize a united message and support between the Association of State Prosecutors, Legislators and the Governor in making meaningful pay progression a reality. The WDAA used grass-roots lobbying and organized the 2 nd annual "Prosecutors day at the Capitol," when over 100 legislators were personally visited by prosecutors from across Wisconsin.

The WDAA wishes to also thank the Legislature, and especially Rep. Ron Tusler, Rep. Mark Born, Sen. Van Wanggaard and Sen. Janet Bewley for authoring and passing a long sought after Prosecutor Board, like the Public Defender Board, to manage the District Attorney Program. This legislation was unfortunately vetoed by Governor Scott Walker. The WDAA will

continue to work with the Legislature and Governor Walker to make a prosecutor board a reality to best manage the District Attorney Program.

The WDAA is committed to further its mission of prosecutors volunteering their time to work on behalf of all prosecutors to represent the profession and the pursuit of justice in the remaining session days of the 2017-2018 Wisconsin Legislative session.