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League of Wisconsin Municipalities Statement Wisconsin Policy Forum “Dollar for Dollar” Report

The “Dollar for Dollar” report by the Wisconsin Policy Forum demonstrates that Wisconsin is solidly “average” in terms of local spending. Wisconsin residents demand and receive high quality services. Residents, through their local officials making decisions at the local level, have chosen to prioritize clean and safe water, a large road network, incredible libraries and strong public safety. Those priorities are unlikely to change in the near future and that will challenge both state and local policymakers who are charged with finding the resources to sustain them.

“This excellent report deserves serious study by those who want to understand the complex and evolving state-local partnership that exists in Wisconsin. The Wisconsin Policy Forum has dug deep beneath the surface to illustrate that both state and local spending patterns are driven by Wisconsin’s history, geography and demography. The fact that per capita spending ranks below the national average and 15th in the country is far from the whole picture,” said League Executive Director Jerry Deschane.

“Dollar for Dollar” demonstrates that the challenge going forward is to assure that Wisconsin’s local places can continue to remain unique and thrive as our population matures and the needs of our citizens evolve.

The League of Wisconsin Municipalities welcomes the publishing of “Dollar for Dollar” and credits the Wisconsin Policy Forum for the depth and quality of its analysis. The complete “Dollar for Dollar” report, sponsored by the League of Wisconsin Municipalities, the Wisconsin Realtors Association, and the Greater Milwaukee Committee, is available at <https://wispolicyforum.org/>

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