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Dear AFSCME Member:

As resident of the 19th County Board Supervisory District you are represented by James (Luigi) Schmidt. We feel it is important to advise you of how Supervisor Schmidt voted on key issues. On the Tentative Agreement your Union reached with Milwaukee County, Schmidt voted against the T.A. as a member of the Finance and Audit Committee. He then voted to lay over the Tentative Agreement at the full Board Meeting. Coming on the heels of the County Budget, this effectively kills the job security provisions of the T.A. for all practical purposes.

Luigi constantly touts the advantage of Public/Private Partnerships. An example he uses is the Milwaukee Public Museum, which Schmidt sits on as the County Board's representative. We all know how well that has worked. First, they mismanaged it to the point it almost went bankrupt, and twice your Union brothers and sisters had to come to the rescue and take concessions to keep the Museum afloat. The biggest insult of all, is the under Schmidt's "oversight", the Museum President now earns \$196,000.00 a year (more than the Governor of the State of Wisconsin), and the Comptroller makes over \$150,000.00 a year. Those salaries and others would pay for a lot of jobs for our members.

When a Public/Private Partnership takes the control, accountability and the fiscal oversight is taken out of the public domain. It allows those at the top to have no ceiling on their pay, while the tax-payers provide the financial foundation. Call your County Board Supervisor Luigi Schmidt and remind him he represents you. Tell him to stop pimping for the rich and stand up for you and your Union brothers and sisters.

In Solidarity,

Joanne Marczewski, President Local 170
Kevin Schoofs, President Local 567
David Eisner, President Local 594
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