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COUNTY SUPERVISOR RICE ON CALL FOR MILWAUKEE COUNTY CONSOLIDATION

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Supervisor Joe Rice today issued the following statement regarding the comments of philanthropist Sheldon Lubar regarding the future of Milwaukee County government:

“Mr. Lubar’s dramatic suggestions regarding restructuring of Milwaukee County government reflect the view of many who see the duplication of services between and among taxing jurisdictions and challenge officials to reduce waste and inefficiency.

“Regional approaches to the delivery of services have been successfully implemented, including the North Shore Fire Department that consolidated services in seven Milwaukee County municipalities through unified command and operation.

“Elected officials should listen to the frustration and perception of dysfunctionality of local government. We ought to seek out the best ideas in the university, business and civic communities rather than closing our minds and summarily rejecting calls for reform.

“Knee-jerk reaction of turf-protectionism will lead to continued calls for radical changes in the *status quo*. I welcome further input of the sort offered by Mr. Lubar and a broad community discussion of the most efficient manner to deliver government services in Milwaukee County.”

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