



# *Milwaukee County*

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### **SUPERVISOR WEST URGES STATE LEGISLATURE TO APPROVE SENATE BILL 497**

*Bill would prevent layoff of 21 additional prosecutors in Wisconsin*

**Milwaukee, WI** – Milwaukee County Supervisor Peggy A. West, representing Milwaukee’s South Side, is urging State lawmakers to approve Senate Bill 497, which would provide \$900,000 in emergency funding to preserve 21 Assistant District Attorney positions in Wisconsin.

“I strongly urge the members of the Wisconsin State Legislature to approve this bill,” Supervisor West said. “These prosecutors are vital in fighting crime in our neighborhoods and preserving our quality of life. This is particularly concerning to me because it could also hinder the ability to combat domestic violence cases. We cannot afford to let our caseloads get to an unmanageable level. Action must be taken now.”

Sixteen of the 21 Assistant District Attorney positions being threatened are based in Milwaukee County. If no action is taken, the positions will be eliminated due to a measure recently passed by Congress, which cut funding for the Edward Byrne Justice Assistant Grant Program.

“We already have a lack of experienced Assistant District Attorney positions,” Supervisor West added. “I urge the members of the Senate and the Assembly to vote in favor of providing the emergency funding necessary to avoid these layoffs.”

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