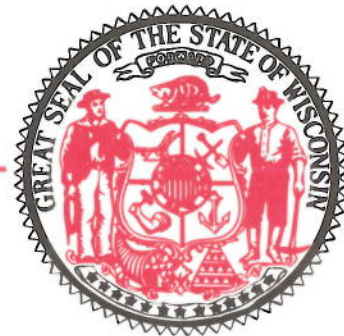


FRED A. RISSE
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May 10, 2017



Bill Clausius, Chair
Dane County Area Agency on Aging
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Dear Bill,

Thank you for contacting me to express your opposition to Governor Walker's biennial budget proposal to eliminate funding for Dementia Care Specialists.

Please know that I share your opposition to this ill-conceived budget provision to delete this program which provides vital assistance to individuals with dementia and their families.

Dementia Care Specialist was created to promote community awareness and to connect family caregivers with needed assistance and support. Dementia Care Specialists discuss options for care, long term care options, and assist in making future care plans. Further, they assist individuals with dementia remain active in their community and stay in their homes longer. As our population continues to age and live longer, access to the care and services provided by Dementia Care Specialists will become even more important.

The biennial budget bill is currently before the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) which will review the budget and make a number of changes to it including adding, modifying and removing some provisions altogether. I am enclosing the names, district number, and contact information for all members of JFC, and a map on the back page showing the districts of the members of that committee. I encourage you and your family members and friends to share your thoughts on the Farm to School program, and any budget matter, with the committee members.

Let me assure you that as the budget process continues, I will do whatever I can to encourage my colleagues to reverse the Governor's recommendation and restore funding for Dementia Care Specialists in the biennial budget bill.

Again, thank you for contacting me about this important issue.

Most Sincerely,


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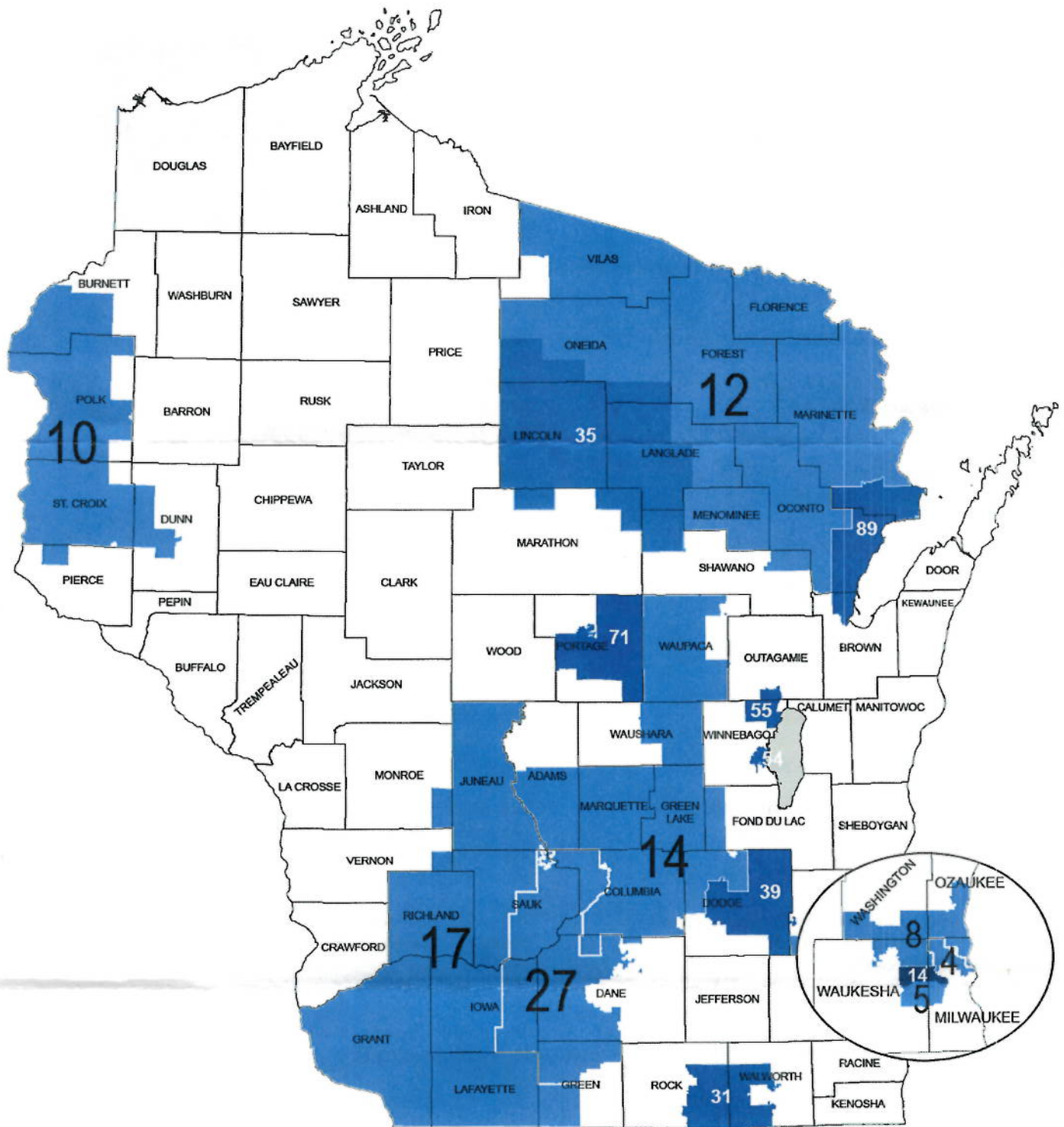
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