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VIA EMAIL

Dear Mr. Farber:

Ms. Michelle Gavin, Director of Transit, City of Beloit (Wisconsin), sent me the attached letter seeking clear guidance from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

This spring, the State of Wisconsin Legislature passed and Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker signed into law 2011 Wisconsin Act 10 which substantially diminishes collective bargaining rights and modifies conditions of employment for municipal transit workers in my home state. Ms. Gavin, and the Wisconsin Urban and Rural Transit Association (WURTA) are concerned this new state law, when implemented, will adversely affect Wisconsin's ability to obtain federal transit funds under the Federal Transit Act. For your additional information, please know that the full implementation of 2011 Wisconsin Act 10 is delayed due to litigation.

Ms. Gavin, on page two of her letter, specifically asks for technical answers to two main points in the event that the courts uphold Wisconsin Act 10. I would appreciate your written response addressing these two points. Kindly give Ms. Gavin's concerns all due consideration consistent with current federal law and agency regulations, in a timely manner, keeping me apprised of your efforts and findings.

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Please correspond with my Madison, Wisconsin office. Thank you for your attention to the concerns of my constituents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tammy Baldwin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tammy Baldwin
Member of Congress