



**Tom Barrett**  
Mayor, City of Milwaukee

---

For Immediate Release:  
February 14, 2011

Contact: Jodie Tabak  
(414) 286-8504

***Mayor Tom Barrett issued the following statement regarding the proposed Budget Adjustment Bill:***

“The proposed Budget Adjustment Bill takes a difficult and serious budget issue and turns it into an ideological attack on the right to organize. Initiating a bargaining process would have been a more responsible strategy to gain the concessions and savings public employees, state elected officials and local governments all recognize are needed.

“To make matters much worse, the Budget Adjustment bill pits general City of Milwaukee employees against the fire and police unions. It even allows for the continuation of special statutory protections for the Milwaukee Police Association that no other police union in the state has. The net results will be fewer savings to Milwaukee taxpayers and more of the cost cutting burden falling on non-police and fire employees.

“The attached letter addresses the Milwaukee problems and offers, in detail, specific remedies to the problems created for the City by the Budget Adjustment Bill.”