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Chief Justice and Members of the Supreme Court:

Thanks you for the opportunity to provide comment on Supreme Court Rule Petition 10-03.

Wisconsin Counties are under extreme budget pressure. Outagamie County Board is opposed to any changes made by the state that will increase our cost of providing services. The last state budget saw state aids reduced, the County levy authority frozen, and the state passed laws that increased our costs. These changes don't add up. The County is required to balance its budget. Counties can't use some of the creative budget maneuvers that the State has done for years.

With the Counties budget hands being tied behind our back, if the court increases our costs we have no option but to reduce services to someone else in order to pay the higher cost.

Respectfully yours,

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