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Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin  
2446 Rayburn House Office Building  
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Dear Congresswoman Baldwin:

I am writing this letter to support the City of Sun Prairie's efforts to secure a 2010 federal earmark for our shared software project with the cities of Fitchburg and Middleton, Wisconsin.

The Multijurisdictional Public Safety Information System (MPSIS) is comprised of three cities: Sun Prairie, Fitchburg, and Middleton. These cities formed a unique partnership over six years ago to design and implement a modern shared records management system. This state of the art system replaced three antiquated, stand alone systems. Today I am proud to say that these cities not only share criminal justice information, but are sharing other resources such as staff, training, and best practices information. Our cities are economizing resources and providing effective tools to create safe and sustainable communities for the future.

Some of our neighboring communities in Dane County have contacted us to inquire about becoming partners in our shared software system. Our system was designed from day one with the vision of expansion to other communities in mind, and we are excited to take this step. The upfront capital and software licensing costs are difficult for any small municipality to bear, in addition to paying their share of annual operating costs. With the assistance you were able to provide in last year's process, we are on the verge of adding the City of Verona, Wisconsin as a partner.

This project has not only increased the effectiveness of our collective law enforcement staffs, but it has opened the door to other efficiencies and resource-sharing opportunities. I am asking for your continued support of our project in the 2010 appropriations process.

Thank you very much for your support and time.

Sincerely,

Joseph Chase  
Mayor, City of Sun Prairie