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To the Honorable Members of the Assembly:

I am vetoing Assembly Bill 165 in its entirety.

This bill would prohibit political subdivisions (defined as cities, villages, towns, or counties) from expending moneys of the political subdivision for guaranteed income programs, which the bill defines as programs that provide unearned regular periodic cash payments to individuals that may be used for any purpose.

I am vetoing this bill in its entirety because I object to the Legislature's continued efforts to arbitrarily restrict and preempt local governments across our state. The Wisconsin State Legislature should focus its efforts and energy on supporting our local partners and building upon our bipartisan work to ensure our local communities have the resources they need to meet basic and unique needs alike. I trust our local partners to know best how to meet local needs, and the state should be a partner in—not an obstacle to—the work of our local partners to address their unique challenges and meet those needs, whatever they may be.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Evers
Governor