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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Honorable Members of the Assembly:

I am vetoing Assembly Bill 24 in its entirety.

This bill would substantially reduce state shared revenue payments to every county by 15 percent for the following year if the local sheriff—who is duly elected by local taxpayers—fails to comply with certain elements of this bill relating to requesting certain forms of lawful presence for a person who is confined in jail for certain offenses.

I am vetoing this bill for several reasons. First, I am vetoing this bill because Republican lawmakers are trying to micromanage local law enforcement decisions by threatening to gut state aid by 15% for our local communities—that's a non-starter. We shouldn't be threatening law enforcement with deep budget cuts; we should be working together with local law enforcement to improve public safety, reduce crime, and keep dangerous drugs and violent criminals off of our streets.

After years of the state asking local law enforcement and communities to do more with less, we only just recently secured historic shared revenue increases under which most municipalities will see a 20% increase in state support—and now Republican lawmakers want to essentially take that away. I cannot sign a bill that reneges on our commitment to support local law enforcement, first responders, and communities across our state. Therefore, I must veto this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Evers".

Tony Evers
Governor