

## **Senate Bill 119**

**Background-** In the summer of 2020 after 25 million people took to the streets to protest the police killings of George Floyd, Breanna Taylor, and Toni McDade, defund the police became the national demand. This demand acknowledges that the only ways to protect Black people from police killings is to take money and power away from police.

Senate Bill 119 and its companion Assembly Bill 111, also referred to as the “Fund the Police” bill, would render any popular action to counteract the structural racism upheld by policing and mass-incarceration essentially impossible. This pending Wisconsin legislation would reduce the shared revenue dollar-for-dollar to any municipality bold enough to listen to its constituents and defund their police in favor of funding human needs and solutions to improve our communities. Targeting Milwaukee specifically, this bill would take the money away from the cities, towns and villages who need it the most and distribute it to those who continue to overfund law enforcement despite the wealth of data that shows how ineffective that is in reducing crime and how damaging it is, especially to communities of color.

### **Sample Email to Judiciary and Safety Committee Members**

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[Sen.Darling@legis.wisconsin.gov](mailto:Sen.Darling@legis.wisconsin.gov) [Sen.Jacque@legis.wisconsin.gov](mailto:Sen.Jacque@legis.wisconsin.gov)  
[Sen.Bradley@legis.wisconsin.gov](mailto:Sen.Bradley@legis.wisconsin.gov) [Sen.Taylor@legis.wisconsin.gov](mailto:Sen.Taylor@legis.wisconsin.gov)  
[Sen.Roys@legis.wisconsin.gov](mailto:Sen.Roys@legis.wisconsin.gov)

**\*\*\*Please include your full name, email, phone and address in your email\*\*\***

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

My name is [YOUR NAME] and I am a resident of [NEIGHBORHOOD/CITY].

I am emailing you to demand that you vote **no** on Fund the Police Bill. Residents should be able to determine which services should and should not be funded, and these decisions should reflect the will of the people who live in those communities. We have demanded less police in our community, not more and this bill takes our power away to build communities we deserve!

Thank you,

## Voter Registration

The City of Milwaukee provides five opportunities for completing and updating your voter registration

Deadline: March 17th

1. Online at [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov)
2. Mail
3. Milwaukee Public Libraries

Deadline: April 2nd

4. City Hall

Election Day April 6

5. Your voting site

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- Email: [absenteeballot@milwaukee.gov](mailto:absenteeballot@milwaukee.gov)
- Mail: Print the application and mail it to Election Commission, 200 E Wells St Room 501, Milwaukee, WI 53202

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