



Tony Evers

Office of the Governor | State of Wisconsin

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President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington DC 20500

Dear President Trump:

I was deeply disturbed to hear Chief of Staff Mark Meadows suggest that federal law enforcement intervention, similar to the presence in Portland, Oregon, could be coming to Milwaukee imminently. It was especially disappointing to hear of this potential plan from a television interview and in no sort of direct communication with my office. I am writing to convey my strong opposition to any such intervention.

This is a vital moment in history as folks across the country confront the structural racism that has created inequalities for far too long. This is not a moment to double down and unnecessarily increase police presence, especially without invitation. As we have seen in Portland, this excessive and unwelcome federal law enforcement presence only makes these situations more volatile and dangerous. Our local law enforcement agencies, state law enforcement agencies, and, when needed, Wisconsin National Guard, will continue to respond to these instances as necessary, respecting the right of Wisconsinites to peacefully protest while maintaining public safety.

This type of unilateral intervention has not been requested by either the City of Milwaukee or the State and is not welcome in Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tony Evers".

Tony Evers
Governor