

**The Testimony of
Hon. Scott Walker
Milwaukee County Executive
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Chairman McCain, Senator Hollings and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today to consider my nomination to serve on the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (SLSDC). It is an honor to be here and a privilege to be selected by President Bush for this position. Mr. Chairman, if confirmed, I look forward to working with this Committee on the many important issues regarding commerce, transportation and security facing the SLSDC Advisory Board and the Congress.

I also would like to express my appreciation for the support I have for this position from my Congressman, Chairman Jim Sensenbrenner and from our two members of your distinguished body – Senator Herb Kohl and Senator Russ Feingold. We have an excellent working relationship with our entire Wisconsin delegation and I appreciate their support on many important issues.

I am the elected County Executive for Milwaukee County. Our county government has an annual operating budget of \$1.1 billion and nearly 7,000 employee positions. Our county is made up of 19 municipalities – including the City of Milwaukee – with a combined population of 937,000 people and we rest on the western shores of Lake Michigan.

The work of the SLSDC is critically important to the progress of commerce and transportation in the Great Lakes region and – in turn – throughout the country. This is an excellent opportunity to work with Administrator Jacquez and the other members of the SLSDC Advisory Board.

If confirmed, I look forward to working with you, Mr. Chairman, and members of the Committee to make transportation and commerce work well in the area covered by the SLSDC. Again, thank you for the opportunity to appear, and I look forward to answering any of your questions.