

GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE

April 8, 2022

To the Honorable Members of the Assembly:

I am vetoing **Assembly Bill 834** in its entirety.

This bill would create a statutory standard for executing "no-knock" search warrants, preempt local authorities from adopting policies that conflict with that standard, and place certain requirements on how first-class cities spend their distribution of Local Fiscal Recovery Funds from the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA).

I am vetoing this bill in its entirety because I object to the Legislature imposing onerous restrictions on first-class cities to use federal funds with the flexibility necessary to confront the variety of challenges posed by recovery from the coronavirus pandemic. Local governments and local elected officials are well-positioned to make informed decisions about what is best for their communities and how to meet the needs of the people they serve and represent without unnecessary political interference and micromanagement by the Legislature. I once again welcome the Legislature to make meaningful investments in tangible solutions like increasing County and Municipal Aid so that communities can more readily increase support for public safety services across our state. Moreover, I recently signed 2021 Wisconsin Act 183 into law, which requires the Department of Justice to collect certain information on no-knock entries in the execution of search warrants, which is a necessary step to further understanding this issue.

Respectfully submitted,
TONY EVERS
Governor