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**Wisconsin State Senator**  
Member, Joint Committee on Finance

**Senate Bill 610**  
**Marquette Police Force**

Thank you Senator Farrow and committee members,

Unfortunately, safety on college campuses is becoming a more prominent issue for students and their parents who send their children away to school. Three days ago marked the six year anniversary of the mass shooting at Northern Illinois University just a couple hours to our south. While tragic events like the one at NIU and Virginia Tech draw headlines, college campuses experience crime like any area where large numbers of people gather.

Marquette's campus is currently patrolled by a public safety force that is licensed as "private detective agency" by the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services. Marquette's safety officers are armed, but they are not licensed to make arrests and they have no access to law enforcement databases. This severely hampers their efforts to keep students safe on campus.

After the tragedy at Virginia Tech in 2007, the Governor's Task Force on Campus Safety recommended that Wisconsin join the 21 other states and the District of Columbia and allow the creation of police forces on private colleges and universities. Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio currently allow for this type of policing while Wisconsin does not. I believe it's time for Wisconsin to make this change.

Local law enforcement officials including Milwaukee County Sheriff David Clarke, Milwaukee Police Chief Ed Flynn, and Milwaukee County District Attorney John Chisholm, are supportive of a university police force for Marquette and are willing to work with the school to implement that force if this bill becomes law. This is situation of locals working together to make Milwaukee safer and asking the Legislature for the necessary changes to make that possible.

Thank you again for hearing Senate Bill 610. I respectfully request that the committee support this important bill which will help make Marquette even safer for students and faculty and the surrounding area.

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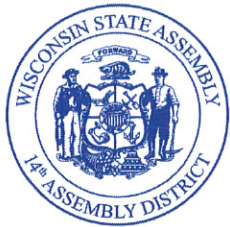
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Chairman Farrow and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of AB 768/SB 610. This legislation authorizes Marquette University to enter into an agreement with the Wisconsin Attorney General or designees or the Milwaukee Police Department to establish a university police department and employ university police officers. This is similar to four-year UW System campuses' policies.

This legislation allows for Marquette University police officers to have the same authority as a Milwaukee law enforcement officer to maintain order, detect and prevent crime, enforce laws and ordinances, and make arrests for violations of laws and ordinances. Currently, 21 states and the District of Columbia, including Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio, allow for the commissioning for private college and university campus public safety officers.

AB 768/SB 610 requires each officer to meet training and certification standards provided by the Law Enforcement Standards Board. Additionally, Marquette University will maintain liability insurance for these officers as well as written policies on arrests and rendering aid.

Thank you again for taking the time to discuss AB 768/ SB 610. I am open to any questions the committee may have.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale P. Kooyenga". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Rep. Dale P. Kooyenga