

November 19, 2013

Chuck Kamp
General Manager – Madison Metro Transit
1245 E. Washington Ave. Suite 201
Madison, WI 53703



Dear Mr. Kamp,

Wisconsin Carry, Inc. is a civil rights advocacy group with a mission to protect and advance the rights of individuals to keep and bear arms as confirmed by the 2nd Amendment of The United States Constitution as well as Article 1 Section 25 of the Wisconsin State Constitution.

The ability of law-abiding citizens of the state of Wisconsin to exercise the constitutional right to carry arms openly pre-dates the state's 1848 founding.

In 2011 strong bi-partisan majorities in both The State Senate and Assembly passed legislation that provides a licensing system by which law-abiding citizens can exercise their right to carry concealed arms. On July 8th 2011, Wisconsin Act 35 was signed into law by Governor Scott Walker.

On Nov. 1st 2011 the state of Wisconsin began issuing concealed carry licenses. Since that time well over 200,000 law-abiding Wisconsin residents from all walks of life, every age, race, and political party, have submitted to background checks and paid the mandated licensing tax to obtain their Concealed Carry License from the state.

It is our understanding based on information on the Metro Transit website "Safety Rules" and responses shared with our members, that "weapons of any kind" are banned from Metro Transit buses. As a result of this policy, members of our organization who ride Metro Transit buses have had their right to carry foreclosed.

Wisconsin Statute 66.0409 prohibits political subdivisions of the state including cities, villages, towns, and counties from enacting or adopting resolutions that regulate the possession, bearing, and transportation of firearms unless those ordinances or resolutions are the same as, similar to, and no more stringent than, a state statute. Our legal team has exhaustively reviewed Wisconsin Statutes and finds no law that restricts the right of the people to possess and transport weapons on public mass transit. As such, we believe that Madison Metro Transits prohibition of arms on buses is unenforceable and violates the rights of the citizens of Wisconsin.

While civil litigation is a remedy that our organization has often utilized successfully to address unlawful infringement of the right to carry, we prefer to work with local municipalities to address policies and procedures that conflict with the legal rights of Wisconsin residents. Litigation is costly to the taxpayers of Wisconsin. We ask that Madison Metro Transit review their policy of prohibiting lawful carry on buses to comply with state statutes and avoid impending civil litigation. Please be welcome to contact our organization by December 3rd if you have reconsidered your policy so that we may inform our affected membership.

Carry on,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nik Clark".

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