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Honorable Robert G. Donovan  
Alderman, 8<sup>th</sup> Aldermanic District  
&  
Public Safety Committee Members  
Room 205, City Hall

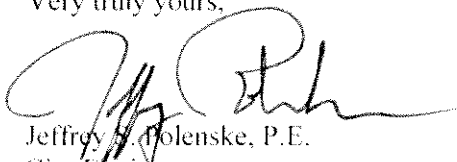
Subject: Public Safety File Number 111572

Dear Alderman Donovan & Committee:

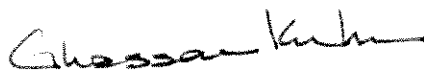
We are writing you in response to various concerns that have been shared with us about the discussion that took place at the March 28, 2012, Public Safety Committee meeting in regard to file # 111572: A substitute ordinance relating to traffic controls. With this file, Ald. Davis moved to amend the traffic ordinance to include the installation of traffic signals at W. Florist Ave. and N. 70<sup>th</sup> St. While we feel that it is important to provide our professional opinion, we want to assure you that we fully understand our role as the Department of Public Works (DPW) in your decision making process. Our role is to provide you with an engineering analysis and evaluation on items that pertain to our expertise and responsibilities within DPW. In this role we try to maintain a high standard of professionalism and would never tolerate anyone intentionally misleading or miss informing you. While we hope that our recommendations are considered a significant part of the Common Council's decision making process, we understand that there are often other factors that you as elected officials must take into consideration when determining what is in the best interest of the City of Milwaukee and its residents. You have our continued commitment to provide the Common Council with a professional opinion and any supporting documentation that will allow for well informed decisions.

We respectfully request that we be placed on the agenda of the next Public Safety Committee meeting to discuss any of your concerns or questions.

Very truly yours,



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c: Alderman Willie L. Hines, Jr.