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To the Honorable Common Council Of the City of Milwaukee Room 205 – City Hall

Re: Resolution Relating to the Claim of Cornell Rowe C.I. File No.: 11-L-77

Dear Council Members:

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We return the enclosed document which has been filed with the City Clerk, and ask that it be introduced and referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Legislation with the following recommendation.

Claimant, Cornell Rowe, 2352 North 44<sup>th</sup> Street, Milwaukee, WI 53210, alleges through his attorney, Legal Services Program of Wisconsin, 820 North Plankinton Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53203, that on June 27, 2011 he sustained damages when the Milwaukee Fire Department (MFD) responded to a 911 call regarding his chest pains and made an unauthorized disclosure of his HIV status. They claim damages in the amount of \$50,000.00.

Our investigation reveals that the MFD records indicate that on June 27, 2011, they dispatched personnel and equipment to 3261 North 24<sup>th</sup> Place in response to a call that a person was having chest pain. They arrived and assessed the claimant according to department protocol. As such, the City would not be liable. Therefore, we recommend that this claim be denied.

Very truly yours,

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