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Honorable Mayor Tom Barrett
Honorable Members of the Milwaukee Common Council
City Hall
200 E. Wells St
Milwaukee WI, 53202

Dear Mayor Barrett and members of the Milwaukee Common Council,

On behalf of the membership of AFT Local 212, the union representing MATC's 1400 faculty, counselors and professional staff, I would like to express our support for the proposed Milwaukee streetcar line. We support the streetcar because it will help revitalize Milwaukee, be an asset for MATC's faculty, staff and 50,000 students, many of whom rely on public transportation as their primary means of transportation, and generate economic growth in the city.

In our view, the streetcar will provide a convenient, energy-efficient transportation option that, in conjunction with other existing transportation options, will benefit our students and the college's employees by connecting jobs, educational institutions, housing, and Milwaukee's historic and cultural amenities.

The streetcar will do this while providing an opportunity for growth beyond the initial route. This is a good investment for our city and for our students who already participate in the County's U-Pass program.

MATC was organized more than 100 years ago to ensure that child laborers would receive an education. Today we continue that legacy as Milwaukee's working-class college. We fully believe that the addition of the streetcar will help us meet our mission of providing accessible education leading to employment.

For Milwaukee to thrive in the Twenty-First Century we must embrace the future, including new transportation options. The next generation demands a city that is as diverse and modern as they are. The streetcar will contribute to an vibrant and stronger Milwaukee.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to call me at 414-765-0910 #14.

Sincerely,

Michael Rosen, Ph.D.
President, AFT, Local 212