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Mayor John O Norquist  
City Hall  
200 E. Wells St.  
Milwaukee, WI 53202-3570

Dear Mayor Norquist:

I was recently made aware of action taken by the Council to pass an ordinance known as file number 021312, which will allow a locked entrance door in licensed establishments that serve alcohol.

I am concerned that this ordinance change may compromise public safety. Any restriction to entry, whether managed or not, may result in a delay in providing critical emergency medical services. Additionally, any fire or other emergency which originates in this type of occupancy, may disable electronic devices intended to control access to the building.

I respectfully request your office consider a veto of this legislation.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM WENTLANDT  
Chief

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