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Gentlemen,

I am pleased to learn that plans are being made to move transit improvements in Milwaukee forward by funding a modern streetcar system in Milwaukee. The impact of this important initiative will positively affect future development throughout the downtown Milwaukee area.

As you may know, the Associated General Contractors of Greater Milwaukee is the largest construction industry trade association in the State of Wisconsin. Serving over 35 general contractors and 300 subcontractors, suppliers and service providers, AGC Members employ thousands of men and women throughout Milwaukee. AGC has followed the debate over transit funding these past years. We believe that history has shown that transportation funding of this kind creates jobs, and the transit oriented development that results from investing in a fixed system is important to our area economy.

The construction industry is just now beginning to come out of the worst recession it has experienced in several decades—creating a reduction in employment of over 30%. The funding of the Milwaukee downtown streetcar system at this time will serve as a vital catalyst to strengthen construction employment through new downtown development.

As such, the AGC of Greater Milwaukee supports a modern streetcar system for Milwaukee and urges your support for funding.

Thank you.

Yours very truly,

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