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Heiner Giese submitted a new eComment.

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Item: 1. 210894 Substitute resolution relating to the appropriation of the remainder of the first tranche of American Rescue Plan Act funds.

eComment: Re: ARPA # 34 – Support for the Milwaukee Rental Housing Resource Center The Apartment Association of Southeastern Wisconsin, Inc. (AASEW) strongly supports this funding (sponsored by Ald. Johnson). We are proud to be a partner/member of the RHRC as the key trade organization representing rental housing providers in Milwaukee. The work of the RHRC has received national attention, especially in regard to the cooperative effort between tenant and landlord interests to reduce court-filed evictions and to promote mediation as the solution for housing tensions. Unlike in some other cities or states the housing partners of the RHRC reject a policy by landlords to “evict right away” if a tenant does not pay and a policy by national tenant advocates, such as the Eviction Lab, that a rental dispute must be settled by a “fight in court.” We would emphasize that the \$1,200,000 proposed will help sustain the RHRC for four years and is a very modest percentage of the total ARPA expenditures proposed to support housing.

Submitted on behalf of the Board of Directors of the AASEW Heiner Giese, Legal Counsel and Lobbyist hgiese@ameritech.net

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