Fax Memorandum

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Milwaukee City Council

Harbor Commission

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Please deliver a copy of the attached letter to Mayor Norquist, each representative of the Milwaukee Common Council, and each member of the Harbor Commission as soon as possible.

Thank you.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION -- PLEASE DELIVER IMMEDIATELY.

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July 15, 2003

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Harbor Commission of Milwaukee 2323 S. Lincoln Memorial Drive Milwaukee, WI 53207

Dear Mayor Norquist, Members of the Milwaukee Common Council, Harbor Commission President Steininger, and Members of the Harbor Commission:

We propose that there be a public process to achieve a compromise solution for the Pier Wisconsin project. Mr. Cudahy is a key contributor to the City and we would like to help bring this project to life in a way that best serves his goals and the community.

To make this project work, we need a review process that is public. To begin, we suggest that the new city-county Lakefront Task Force, the Harbor Commission, and the City's Plan Commission convene to develop criteria for evaluating new lakefront developments and strategies for ensuring public participation in the decision-making process. Projects which seek to use the public lakefront as their site must be subject to an open and transparent public process.

We urge you to allow this process to work for Pier Wisconsin before any more locations or designs are submitted to any governmental bodies, or any approvals are given for any leases. This will allow any questions or concerns about the project to be addressed by an informed public, before more time or money is wasted.

We believe that Pier Wisconsin will be a valuable educational asset to the community as long as it is done in a collaborative fashion. Perhaps Pier Wisconsin could work with existing programs, such as UWM's Great Lakes Water Institute, to further enhance its research and educational resources.

While we believe that Pier Wisconsin should be considered for the lakefront, if it is not possible, we hope the Pier Wisconsin team will consider other appropriate sites within the city.

The community will be ready to help work toward an acceptable compromise to bring Pier Wisconsin to Milwaukee.

Sincerely,

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