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The Honorable,
Members of the Carjacking and Reckless Driving Task Force

Honorable Members,

We write to you to first thank you for taking on the difficult task of investigating the troubling increase in both carjacking and reckless driving in our community. It is clear from your deliberations to this point that you have approached these problems with the concern and effort they deserve.

As you prepare to issue your final report, we would ask that you consider including in your recommendations a request of the state legislature to permit the immediate impounding and towing of vehicles driven by reckless drivers – particularly those who attempt to elude law enforcement. In the hands of those who prove themselves too irresponsible to operate them properly, vehicles have proven every bit as dangerous as firearms. There is no circumstance under which an offender caught committing a violent act with a firearm would be allowed to keep it after his or her arrest. We see this as a similar situation.

It is understood that this is a complicated matter, involving our presumption of innocence, property rights, and many other issues. We are confident, however, of your ability to craft this recommendation in such a way that it would receive the broadest possible support, not only from the Milwaukee Common Council, but also the legislature and the governor.

Thank you again for your efforts and, should you have any questions of us, please do not hesitate to contact us at your convenience.

Respectfully,

Ald. Jose G. Pérez
12th District

Ald. Russell Stamper, II
15th District