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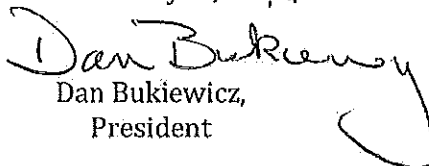
Dear Mayor Barrett,

For over 100 years, MBCTC has partnered with business owners and contractors to build the Milwaukee skyline. Beyond the brick and mortar, we have also focused on building the Milwaukee community. We believe the proposed Street Car will not only connect downtown attractions, but connect and strengthen our community as well. This project represents a new chapter in Milwaukee for its current residents and will benefit future residents for years to come. The proposed Street Car will:

- Strengthen Milwaukee by making downtown more attractive to new employers, workers, residents and tourists. It will have a ripple and multiplier effect throughout our City, region, and state, bringing new business and new jobs
- Increase property values along the route, leading to an increased tax base.
- Encourage an increase in the community's use of public transportation by creating connection points.
- Tie-in with future developments like the Couture, a 44 story tower valued at over \$122 million, and the proposed arena, valued at over \$400 million.
- Stimulate even greater investment and growth around and near the route – creating hundreds of new construction jobs as well as end use job opportunities.
- Leverage restricted federal funds that we must either use for the Streetcar or lose to another City.

This project is a positive for the City of Milwaukee and the surrounding communities. Milwaukee has an unparalleled opportunity to move forward on a project that will enhance our downtown and strengthen our community. Please join us in strongly supporting the proposed Street Car.

Thank you,


Dan Bukiewicz,
President

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