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To the Honorable Common Council  
Of the City of Milwaukee  
Room 205 – City Hall

Re: Resolution relating to claim of Lucas Knoke  
C.I. File No. 05-L-168

Dear Council Members:

We return the enclosed document which has been filed with the City Clerk and ask that it be introduced and referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Legislation with the following recommendation.

Claimant, USAA Insurance, by Suzan Van Patten, 9800 Fredericksburg Rd., San Antonio, TX 78288 on behalf of their insured, Lucas Knoke allege damages from an automobile accident that involved their insured's vehicle allegedly because of a missing stop sign on September 25, 2005 at North 20<sup>th</sup> Street and Wet Juneau Avenue. They claim damages in the amount of \$5,417.80.

Our investigation reveals the Department of Public Works was advised of the missing stop sign at this location by the DPW "Call Center" on the subject date at 3:21 p.m. A sign crew was dispatched to the area and the stop sign was replaced at 4:30 p.m. The City had no notice of the missing stop sign prior to this accident and because of this lack of notice it cannot accept liability. Therefore, we recommend that this claim be denied.

Very truly yours,

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