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Zoning and Neighborhood Development committee
City of Milwaukee
200 East Wells Street
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Dear Alderman D'Amato:

As you are aware, due to a family commitment, I will be unable to attend the Zoning and Neighborhood Development committee meeting on March 2nd. Given my absence, I wish for the record to reflect my support of BuySeasons, Inc. proceeding with moving to their potential new location in the Menomenee Valley.

This move would benefit the City of Milwaukee in a number of ways. It would provide jobs, which are crucial to the development of the city. While these may be low-paying jobs, Milwaukee does have a significant labor force that may only be qualified for low-skill, low-paying jobs. This move would provide an entry for those workers into the economy that they might not otherwise have. These workers also have the potential to move into higher paid positions over time.

In addition to providing an estimated 800 jobs by 2008, this development would occur with no city subsidy. This development, unlike those requiring some measure of city financing, would begin contributing to our tax rolls immediately. I feel that a major employer that does not require city assistance ought to be encouraged to move to the city with enthusiasm.

Thank you for considering my views on this subject. I strongly urge the committee to support this development, as it would be of great benefit both to the Valley, and to the city as a whole. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL J. MURPHY
Alderman, 10th District

CC: ZND memebers