



**Tom Barrett**  
Mayor, City of Milwaukee

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Honorable Members of the Milwaukee Common Council  
Room 205  
City Hall  
200 East Wells Street  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Dear Council Members:

I am signing Common Council Legislative File 060643 [version 2] because I agree that law enforcement agencies need to improve inter-agency communications and the implementation of specific crime fighting strategies. This is a priority for me. I have been working on this issue and will continue to do so.

I also believe that individuals who have demonstrated that they have discontinued their criminal behavior should have access to job training, employment and substance abuse counseling.

However, I cannot – and will not – support the notion that our focus should be on the availability of positive and constructive opportunities for the 150 individuals who are believed to be responsible for the initiation and continuation of violent crime in Milwaukee. Individuals who repeatedly terrorize families and neighborhoods should be taken off our streets and locked up.

I will continue to focus on improving the cooperation and communication between law enforcement agencies, increasing investment in Milwaukee's economy and working with individuals and organizations that are dedicated to providing positive and productive outcomes to kids.

Sincerely,

Tom Barrett  
Mayor