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To: Chairman Murphy and

Members of the Finance and Personnel Committee

From: Marne Stück and the Greater Milwaukee Assoc. of REALTORS®

Chairman Michael Murphy and Members of the Finance and Personnel Committee

Thank you for recognizing the importance of this issue and offering us the opportunity to speak today. My name is Marne Stück and I am the Government Affairs Director of the Greater Milwaukee Association of REALTORS[®]. Our Association represents 4000 mainly residential REALTORS[®] in the Greater Milwaukee area.

Our Association has registered as opposed to this ordinance, but please know that we don't have significant problems with 80% of this substitute ordinance. We have appreciated the openness throughout the drafting of this legislation of Alderman Hamilton and the cosponsors of this bill to listen to our side of the argument and take into consideration the concerns we have.

The prevailing wage mandate is the one item we can't find agreement on. We feel its implications are detrimental to housing construction and availability and ultimately is a deal breaker for developers as you will hear specifically from them today on the specific implications this prevailing wage mandate has on their ability to do business.

Thank you for your time today.

Marne Stück



