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Dear :

It has come to my attention that inaccurate information has been disseminated regarding my treatment of the comparable worth task force. In the interest of clarifying the record, I feel it is important to present the facts on this matter.

I have received complaints via both letter and email based on statements made by Alderman Tony Zielinski. Alderman Zielinski was apparently under the impression that I was delaying a hearing before the Finance and Personnel Committee, which I chair, by requesting an opinion from the City Attorney. In fact, the opinion was requested by the City of Milwaukee Council Records Manager, due to language contained in Alderman Zielinski's second substitute resolution. I have enclosed this request for your review.

As chair of the Finance and Personnel Committee, I have not scheduled files in the past when questions of legality remain. This promotes more thoughtful and intelligent debate about the merits of the file, and prevents technical legal questions from dominating the discussion. However, I have contacted the City Attorney and asked that the requested opinion be expedited so that this matter can move forward.

I have also contacted Mary Monteagudo, Employee Relations Director for the City of Milwaukee, and asked her to review your legislation and offer her input. The timing works out well, as the Department of Employee Relations is currently conducting a management pay equity study.

If you have any further questions or concerns regarding this file, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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