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Mr. Hamilton

I am the president of Vanguard Appraisals, Inc. I am a certified appraiser in five states and a certified Assessor in four states, including Wisconsin. My company has 51 years' experience providing assessment services to city and county governments.

I have had the opportunity to work with Mr. Miner numerous times over the years as members of various boards. We have discussed assessment practices many times. This morning I read the news that the Milwaukee Common Council has put on hold the decision on whether to retain Mr. Miner as the cities Assessment Commissioner. I have found Mr. Miner to be a truly professional Assessor with substantial knowledge and a very strong work ethic.

The job of Assessment Commissioner requires the assessment office to value all property at market value. It has been our experience that many markets in the Midwest have experienced substantial growth in housing values over the past few years. The decision by his office to increase assessments is merely his office doing their job properly. To not retain an Assessment Commissioner for simply reflecting the true real estate market in their assessment seems to be a grave injustice. Having worked in the assessment field for over four decades I know first-hand that being an assessor during a strong real estate market is no popularity contest.

Mr. Miner is an ultimate professional who has done a quality job for the city of Milwaukee since his first appointment in 2015. I would urge the council to reappoint him, he is one of the best in his field.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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