

September 12, 2001

Alderman Michael J. Murphy
Milwaukee City Hall
200 E. Wells Street, Room 205
Milwaukee, WI 53202-3567

Re: Public Improvements Committee
Agenda Item 001675, Sept. 12, 2001

Dear Alderman Murphy:

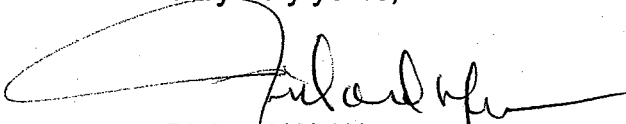
The above referenced committee item requires contractors to serve written notice of excavations to an alderman and the occupant of abutting private property. We **oppose** the notice requirement.

We believe that the city public works department, through their available staff can easily notify the alderman with a copy of the excavation permit. We further believe that city workers are in a better position to notify abutting property owners. After all, the city public works department works with the aldermen and has the information relating to property owners on record.

Private contractors are not politically active to know the names of aldermen, do not memorize aldermen district maps, or have information on the owners of abutting property. Please let city staff provide this function to aldermen and property owners.

Please vote no to agenda item 001675.

Very truly yours,



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Executive Director

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