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To the Honorable Common Council
Of the City of Milwaukee
Room 205 – City Hall

RE: Communication from Attorney Jonathan Major on behalf of
EBONY KIMBROUGH;
SAMARION JOHNSON (Minor)
C.I. File No. 1032-2024-2116; 1032-2024-2117

Dear Council Members:

Law Offices of Phillips S. Georges, PLLC alleges that on September 23, 2024 their clients sustained injuries during a motor vehicle accident involving the Milwaukee Police Department. Claimed damages total $275,265.51 for Ebony Kimbrough's claim and $5,927.56 for Samarian Johnson's claim (Minor).

Our investigation revealed that the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) vehicle was operating with emergency lights and sirens activated in pursuit of a fleeing suspect vehicle at the time of the incident. The MPD vehicle was traveling northbound on North 37th Street and turning left (westbound) onto North Avenue when the collision occurred.

It is our view that MPD was not negligent in this matter and acted within the scope of their duties and complied with statutory requirement and exercised privileges under Wisconsin law, specifically, Wis. Stat. § 346.03. law enforcement officers operating authorized emergency vehicles are granted certain privileges, including proceeding through intersections against traffic signals, provided they are responding to emergencies and using audible and visual signals. Therefore, the city is not liable for the damages and we recommend that the claims be denied.

Very truly yours,

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