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August 24, 2001

City Clerk  
City of Milwaukee  
200 E Wells  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Re: *Notice of Injury and Claim pursuant to §893.80.*

Dear Clerk:

This is a Notice of Injury and Claim by Karen S. Poplar of 4203 West Lombard, Davenport, IA 52804, telephone No: (563) 391-9485.

On May 4, 2001, at approximately 11:30 p.m., I fell on the City sidewalk outside of the Milwaukee Auditorium. I had been walking eastward exiting the Milwaukee Auditorium with a group of approximately 3000 women who were leaving a business event held at the auditorium. While walking in the crowd that had exited the auditorium, I was unable to view the sidewalk. Unexpectedly, I came to a place where the sidewalk slabs were very uneven, over 5/8 inch difference in height. Apparently, I had stepped parallel with the crack between the slabs. When my foot reached the uneven part, my ankle twisted and I fell to the ground. I had a lot of pain in my foot and was unable to bear weight. I sought medical attention and discovered that I had a severely broken foot. In addition to the broken metatarsals, I suffered injuries to the ligaments and muscles throughout the foot.

I continue to have pain at my instep and will likely have pain for the rest of my life. I am only 40 years old. Initially I had to use a wheelchair or crutches. My leg was casted and then I wore an orthopedic shoe until mid-July. I developed problems with my shoulders and back from using the crutches and walking in the cast. I also developed anxiety due the adverse affect the injury had on my physical abilities and ability to earn a living.

The injury has been extremely painful and has hindered my ability to conduct either of my two businesses. I am self-employed in both businesses and need to walk, stand and move about. Although for work, I usually wear a business suit, I no longer am able to wear high heel shoes. I can now only wear flat shoes.

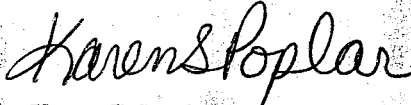
The sidewalk is dangerous because of the difference in height of the slabs at a place where crowds disperse from the auditorium. When a person is in a crowd visibility of the walking

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surface is impaired. It appears that a simple remedy such as mudjacking would solve the problem.

The dollar amount claimed is \$150,000, which consists of over \$2,500 in medicals that have been incurred and are continuing, \$15,000 in loss income and lost awards and of future income because of my inability to recruit new sales people and sales lost through July which would have generated future income and my pain and suffering, past and future.

Very truly yours,



Karen S. Poplar

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