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Dear Mayor Barrett and Alderman D'Amato,

As a local business owner over the last ten years (formerly Qdoba and Twisted Fork and currently Hi Hat Garage and Balzac), I am an avid supporter of the Milwaukee Connector and all it has to offer the business community in Milwaukee. As a resident of the city of Milwaukee (2205 N. Lake Drive), I am a major proponent for the Connector and all it has to offer to us, to our quality of life, and to our ability to really enjoy our wonderful city. Finally, as a member of the East Side BID, I want to see this project completed for the better of the entire community.

Our city has made major strides over the last ten to twenty years, and the Connector is the next obvious step. I've spent the last 18 months traveling in and out of the country, and with every trip comes reinforcement of the fact that Milwaukee will NEVER make it to the next level without the kind of mass transit that the Connector provides.

I understand that there is risk involved in the Connector just like there is risk in any project of this size. But, I truly believe that it will be one of those decisions that ten years from now will look so incredibly obvious - we just need some leaders with the vision, foresight, and strength to get this done now.

This issue is particularly close to my heart today - I leave for Europe in about an hour (Brussels, Maastricht, Amsterdam, Copenhagen, Paris). The European model will make our lack of mass transit in Milwaukee even more glaring.

I wish you good luck in these efforts. Please get this done. Let's do something great for our city.

A Believer in Milwaukee,

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