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Director

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City of Milwaukee
Common Council
200 E. Wells St.
Milwaukee, WI 53202

RE: Incorporating Milwaukee Public Library Foundation into the City's CGC

Dear Common Council Members,

As Director of the Milwaukee Public Library, I write in support of Alderman Nik Kovac's proposal to include the Milwaukee Public Library Foundation in the City of Milwaukee Employees' Combined Giving Campaign.

The mission of the Milwaukee Public Library Foundation is to serve our community by providing essential support for the Milwaukee Public Library through private contributions. It is the result of these investments that we are able to help inspire the widest possible audience to explore, engage, value and become stewards of the Milwaukee Public Library.

The Foundation seeks funding that will enhance, but will not supplant the City's commitment to library operations. To date, the Foundation has raised approximately \$28 million to help fund the renovation of the Central Library, provide enhancements to the branch libraries, enrich collections, expand preschool and school age outreach programs, increase business support, economic development and technology services, and improve overall customer services for over two million Milwaukeeans that enjoy the library each year.

Each city employee's gift entrusted to the Foundation will help the library fulfill its role as a vital community resource capable of meeting the growing educational, cultural and innovative demands of our citizens. I thank you for the opportunity to bring my support for Milwaukee Public Library Foundation to the attention of the Common Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paula A. Kiely".

Paula A. Kiely
Milwaukee Public Library Director