Dear Sir or Madam;

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On Fri., Feb. 21, 2014 at approximately 8:17 A.M., I was traveling west bound in the left lane in the 6200 block of W. Fond Du Lac Ave., with light snow on the concrete pavement and very strong gusting wind conditions. The traffic conditions at this time were heavy. While passing the Diamond Inn Hotel (6222 W. Fond Du Lac Ave.), I struck (3) consecutive non visible pot holes that caused my vehicle to shake abruptly. I attempted to quickly change lanes into the right lane as I struck a (4) pothole. This pothole caused my vehicle suspension to bottom out onto the concrete and nearly caused me to strike another motor vehicle in the right lane.

I was able to operate my vehicle back to my home residence, but the steering wheel had excessive pulling to the left, which was not the case prior to striking these (4) non visible pot holes. I did not realize the extent of the total damage until I tried operating my vehicle later on that same evening to go to work. The low tire pressure idiot light displayed on the dashboard and front driver side tire started to make a loud thumbing sound. I immediately pulled over to the shoulder of the roadway and noticed that the tire was extremely low with air. I was able to replace the damaged tire with the spare in the trunk of the vehicle.

When I pulled the rim off the vehicle I noticed there were (2) creases in the rim. This damage was also observed by service manager Allen Stanczak of Mike Jones Arrow Hyundai. Stanczak advised me that the damage rim could not be repair due to the extensive damage. I had to replace the 18 inch alloy rim, P225/45R 18 tire due to the damage done to the tire core, and have a wheel alignment that resulted in an \$837.31 repair bill.

I proceeded to go back to the scene on Sat., Feb 22, 2014 at approximately 7:40 A.M. to take photos and measurements while traffic was light. I observed that the street still did not have any road barricades, traffic cones, or road signs warning motor vehicle operators of a bump. I check the surrounding area for blown over barricades or traffic cones but was unable to locate any. (2) of the deepest potholes that were photographed and measured were 3½ and 5½ inches deep. There were no signs of cold asphalt that is used to repair potholes or signs of the missing concrete from the potholes in the area.

I did place a service request online (101000719852) to have these potholes repaired to prevent other citizens from damaging their vehicles and avoid causing an accident.

Currently (03/03/14), there are (3) traffic cones and a barricade for a single bump in the roadway in the 800 block of W, State St. in Downtown Milwaukee. Had this preventative measure been used by the City of Milwaukee at 6222 W. Fond Du Lac Ave on 02/21/14, I would have never driven over those numerous potholes causing my vehicle to be damaged so badly.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Troy Stofflet** 

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