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To the Honorable Common Council  
City of Milwaukee  
200 East Wells Street – Room 205  
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Dear Council Member:

Today you will be considering File 120050, a resolution authorizing the Milwaukee Police Department Major Incident Response Team (MIRT) to travel to Chicago to assist in the policing of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Summit to be held on May 20 and 21, 2012. The Milwaukee Police Department is requesting authorization to send 110 officers in response to a request for mutual aid from Chicago Police Superintendent Garry McCarthy.

The NATO Summit is expected to bring nearly 10,000 people to Chicago, including more than 7,000 delegates & staff and 2,000 international journalists. Due to the sheer size, magnitude and importance of a safe Summit, the City of Chicago is in need of procuring additional law enforcement resources to provide the public safety and security measures required for an event of the size and unique nature of the 2012 NATO Summit. The Chicago Police Department has therefore requested the assistance of the Milwaukee Police Department in providing these services.

This request from the Chicago Police Department represents another distinct and valuable opportunity for our MIRT members, very similar to the past requests from St. Paul, Minnesota during the Republican National Conference (RNC) in 2008 and Pittsburg, Pennsylvania during the G20 Summit in 2009. Deploying to other jurisdictions under these kinds of mutual aid requests provides unique opportunities for our members, assists other cities in need of additional resources during major events, and again highlights the reputation of the Milwaukee Police Department as an agency with the highest levels of professionalism, training and competence.

I want to emphasize that there will be no degradation in police services here in our city during our MIRT deployment in Chicago. Additionally, as with our prior mutual aid requests, the costs incurred will be completely reimbursed by the federal government.

I request your support and will be appearing before you this morning to address any questions you might have about this deployment.

Sincerely,



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CHIEF OF POLICE