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Attn: Claims  
200 E. Wells Street, Room 205  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202-3567

Subject: Claim for sewer backup in basement

Address of claimant: 3418 S Ahmedi Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53207

Owners: Patrick and Charlene Buckner

Phone: (414) 481-4102 or 915-0681

Date of Occurrence: May 14, 2003

Amount of Claim \$ 19,890.37

Circumstances of Claim: On May 8 2003 the city was out here to fix a broken water line. On May 10 2003 our sub pump in our basement keep running. So we called the water company and they came out to take a look to see what was wrong.

So they took a water sample and told us they would get back to us. Well we waited a day or two and never heard from them, so we called them and they said the water sample was not ready yet. And we never heard from them.

Circumstances of Claim: On May 14, 2003 at approximately 10:00 pm, I was outside and seen my neighbor dumping buckets of water out and Mr Zaworski asked me how much sewer water i had in my basement. I said none, he said i better check. I went down to my basement and my finished Rec Room filled with 6 to 8 inches of sewer water.

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So i called my brother and told him to bring over his shop vac and get over here right away, my basement is flooded and we need help. My wife was trying to suck up the sewage water but the water was coming in so fast we couldn't keep up with it. We had to use a watervac to extract the water waste. And then transfer the waste to buckets and physically carry these buckets of waste out of the basement, up the stairs, through the kitchen and then outside to the curb.

At 10:30 PM I talked to a worker who showed me the sink hole in the street that was caused by the sewer main break. The worker told me that the city worker had fixed a water service line several days earlier. They broke the main sewer line when they dug to deep, and they were at fault.

At approximately 12:30 AM the Water Department supervisor arrived and stated he would have to call a response team and have them come out. After waiting about a half an hour Mr. Buckner and Mr. Zaworski went to find out what was going on and the supervisor stated he could not get anyone from the south side and he would have to call people from the north side in.

At approximately 2:00 AM the first individuals of the response team started to arrive. Mr. Buckner and Mr. Zaworski talked to the one member who was from the south side and he stated that he new the individual who was doing the work earlier and this guy didn't have enough guts to show up because he knew he messed up.

Finally, at approximately 2:20 AM the water Department started to open the street back up and the Buckners and the Zaworski's continued to remove the waste from their basements.

At 4:30 AM the sewer backup finally stopped. The Buckners

and the Zaworski's finally got 2 hours of sleep before starting to clean up the mess that was left behind.

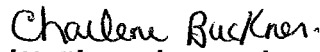
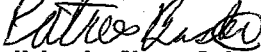
Attached is an itemized list explaining the Buckners claim for personal lose.

If you have any questions in regards to this claim please contact Mr. Buckner at (414) 481 4102 or 915-0681.

We attest that the information provided is true and accurated to the best of our knowledge.

Patrick Buckner

Charlene Buckner



Note:1. Channel 4 news with Vince Vitrano filmed the damage to my basement and intervied the city workers. Who explained that it was the city's fault for crushing the sewer line, which caused the backup in Mr. Buckner's and Mr. Zaworski basement.

Here is a list of things that could not be saved.

4 WOODEN BAR STOOLS	Replacement cost \$59.00 each	Total \$239.96
1 Refridgeator	Replacement cost	\$250.00
1 Area Rug	Reolacement cost	\$99.00
1 Woode T U Unit	Replacement cost	\$224.00
2 Bose 301 Series Speakers	cost	\$350.00
1 Custom built wooden willow love seat	cost	\$650.00
1 Electric Fireplace	cost	\$225.00
2 Acoustic Gutairs	cost \$250.00	Total \$500.00
3 Clorox Bleach	cost \$2.79 each	Total \$8.37

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Total Cost \$2545.37

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#### Labor Charges

10:00p.m.- 4:30 a.m.= 7 hrs

7 hrs x \$20.00x 3 individuals=\$420.00

#### Loss Wages From Work

Mr. Buckner 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.=8hrs x \$13.50=\$108.00

#### Summarized

Items Lost \$2545.37

Labor \$ 420.00

Lost Wages \$ 108.00

Total \$3073.37

Attached are 2 estimates to have my basement repaired.

3/1 Construction Co  
 N1575 Hwy A  
 Palmyra 53152  
 414-893-2990

# PROPOSAL

PROPOSAL NO.
SHEET NO.
DATE <u>6/5/03</u>

PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO: TED Patrick Buckner WORK TO BE PERFORMED AT: SAME

NAME	ADDRESS
ADDRESS	CITY, STATE
CITY, STATE	DATE OF PLANS
PHONE NO.	ARCHITECT

We hereby propose to furnish the materials and perform the labor necessary for the completion of

BASEMENT Remodel

REMOVE TILE FLOOR BASEMENT BLEACH FLOOR  
REPLACE TILE (1.00 PER TILE CREDIT)

REMOVE Paneling MATCH NEW BLEACH WALLS  
PAINT w/ DRY LOCK -

REMOVE : REPLACE BAR, SHELVES  
Ceiling REPLACE NEW TO MATCH  
AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE

CAB/MAT/CLEANUP ETC.

\$ 15,370.00

All material is guaranteed to be as specified, and the above work to be performed in accordance with the drawings and specifications submitted for above work and completed in a substantial workmanlike manner for the sum of: \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars (\$\_\_\_\_\_)

with payments to be as follows \_\_\_\_\_

Any alteration or deviation from above specifications involving extra costs will be executed only upon written order, and will become an extra charge over and above the estimate. All agreements contingent upon strikes, accidents, or delays beyond our control.

Respectfully submitted \_\_\_\_\_

Per \_\_\_\_\_

Note - This proposal may be withdrawn by us if not accepted within \_\_\_\_\_ days.

**ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL**

The above prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. You are authorized to do the work as specified. Payments will be made as outlined above.

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

CTV CONSTRUCTION  
5414 S. MERRILL AVE.  
CUDAHY, WI 53110

# Proposal

PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO <i>Patricia &amp; Charlene Buckner</i>	PHONE <i>481-4102</i>	DATE <i>20 May 03</i>
STREET <i>3418 South Ahmed</i>	JOB NAME <i>rec. rm. redo</i>	
CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>Milwaukee, Wi. 53207</i>	JOB LOCATION <i>3418 South Ahmed, Milwaukee, Wi 53207</i>	
ARCHITECT <i>owner directed</i>	DATE OF PLANS <i>none</i>	JOB PHONE <i>333-0340</i>
	insurance certificate to be provided	JOB FAX

We hereby propose to furnish materials and labor necessary for the completion of:

- ① remove the walls, ceiling, bar, cabinet, door and studs
- ② disinfect all walls and floor incl sump pump, furnace room and laundry room
- ③ insulate foundation wall with 1" T styrofoam HD
- ④ stud all walls with PT bottom plate 2x4's and STD SPF 2x4's 16" OC
- ⑤ install "Green Board" 1/2" T around the rec. room - all walls outside and partition walls and feather joint on nylon all corners and seams
- ⑥ install a drop ceiling by Armstrong 1/2" main runners and 2x2. flexible tile white ceiling
- ⑦ install 6 can lights (Thomas Capri) and a control wall switch
- ⑧ install 9 electric outlets 1 at bar <sup>GFI</sup>, 1 at bar ceiling for a logo light and 1 frig. outlet
- ⑨ fabricate a bar and install it and include the bar sink installation and a fornica bar counter with an upholstered leaning edge
- ⑩ fabricate and install a bar side cabinet and water meter housing cabinet
- ⑪ paint all walls to the 7' 0" and