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ASHANTI HAMILTON

ALDERMAN, 1ST DISTRICT

January 18, 2007

Robert Bauman, Chair of Public Works
200 E. Wells St. Room 204
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Ald. Bauman, Chair of Public Works:

I am asking you to request Jeffrey Mantes, Commissioner of the Department of Public Works to appear before the Public Works Committee. This request is the result of poor to nonexistent service for snow removal and or ice control in the First Aldermanic District during the last three snowfalls. You are aware that the citizens of Milwaukee are being charge snow and ice removal fees on their water bills. My constituents along with many other citizens in the city of Milwaukee are not getting the services that they are paying for.

Therefore, as the voice for my First District constituents, I request to express our concerns before the Public Works Committee. I have had private meetings with DPW staff after the last two-snow fall and expressed my concerns to no avail. The snow plowing in the first district goes on record as the worst service ever provide by the City of Milwaukee. Not only is the snow and ice removal poor, but also streets in my district pose problems for emergency vehicles.

The last snowfall on January 15, 2007, was around 3 to 4 inches. I received over 30 calls about blocks and main streets in my district that were not plowed or salted. My office is unable to address these complaints, requests and calls in a satisfactory manner. It's time to find out why this is happening and how it will be remedied for future snow removal needs.

Thank you,


Ashanti Hamilton
1st District Alderman

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