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Dear Mayor Barrett and Milwaukee Common Council members,

I urge you all to take a step back from fast tracking the Strauss Slaughterhouse in Century City. This is not just a business and about bringing in jobs. A Slaughterhouse possibly the most egregious type of business to bring into a residential area. The neighbors do not know about this. I understand this deal was crafted quickly, within the last month with no public notification or input into this. There is now a growing group of concerned citizens outraged by what's happening.

I understand you all may not have understood the impact of this. Many cities, including Chicago Are moving away from having slaughterhouses within city limits for all the reasons I have listed below.

I ask you if you would have agreed to this Slaughterhouse being placed in your neighborhood or next to Fiserv Forum or near Whitefish Bay or some residential neighborhood.

Jobs are not just jobs. Slaughterhouse work is among the most **exploitative**, dangerous and relatively low paid work in the market. Century City would be better served by any other business- Including incubators to support small, local businesses which better serve residents in the long run.

Strauss brands may have committed to transferring their 150 jobs from Franklin to Milwaukee but there is no reason to believe those numbers will increase. Milwaukee can do better and generate 150 jobs in a plethora of other, less base ways without alienating and causing stress and harm to the neighborhoods and to the workers.

Thank you

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Here are some facts about Slaughterhouses

1. Local crime rates go up, especially violent crimes, wherever and whenever slaughterhouses open, according to professor of criminology Amy Fitzgerald who discovered a direct link between slaughterhouses and violent crime
2. Workers suffer high rates of PTSD, substance abuse and domestic violence.
3. US meat workers are three times more likely to suffer serious injury than the average American worker. Amputations, fractured fingers, second-degree burns and head trauma are among these serious injuries, according to data seen by the Guardian and the Bureau of Investigative Journalism.
4. Slaughterhouse workers we've talked to tell us they dread their jobs and would quit if they could find other work. We can all help transition them to better jobs
5. Blood and feces are plastered all over the walls posing a serious public safety and health threat by exposing workers and communities to foodborne illness outbreaks and increased rodent infestation problems.

Resident of Milwaukee,  
Amy