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Alderman Michael J. Murphy
Chairman, Committee on Finance and Personnel
City Hall, Room 205
200 E. Wells St.
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Alderman Murphy:

As you know, the Public Policy Forum recently released a comprehensive assessment of the City of Milwaukee's fiscal condition entitled "City of Milwaukee's Fiscal Condition: Between a Rock and a Hard Place". This report has received widespread attention in the local news media and also has been presented to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Council. Future presentations are scheduled for the Milwaukee Rotary Club and Milwaukee area state legislators.

In light of the relevance of this report's findings to the city's 2010 budget deliberations, I would like to request the opportunity to present it to the Finance and Personnel Committee at some point early in your budget proceedings. I believe that the report will provide valuable context to you and your colleagues by providing detailed perspective on the city's fiscal trends during the past five years, as well as its mounting challenges.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Rob Henken
President