



**City of Milwaukee Common Council  
200 E Wells St  
Milwaukee, WI 53202**

Dear City of Milwaukee Common Council,

I am writing to indicate RMI's strong support for the City of Milwaukee's American Recovery Plan Act Proposals 1 and 9 being presented to the City of Milwaukee Common Council for approval through an official vote on October 15, 2021.

RMI is a non-partisan, non-profit organization that works to transform global energy systems using market-based solutions. RMI has a nearly 40-year history of creating industry-leading solutions that ensure a just, zero-emission future for all. RMI brings a unique combination of techno-economic expertise and whole-systems thinking to accelerate new markets and create collaborations and partnerships. RMI's Carbon Free Buildings program is dedicated to increasing resiliency and energy independence in our built environment using advanced building construction techniques and lead's the nation's Advance Building Construction Collaborative, a partnership between industry, building owners and developers and the US Department of Energy, dedicated to decarbonizing the US built environment through transformation of the construction sector.

We see the City of Milwaukee's efforts to grow and modernize its building construction industry, by supporting innovative local manufacturers as outlined in Proposals 1 and 9, as essential to maintaining US control of its construction sector, setting Milwaukee ahead of its peers and increasing its global competitiveness in the building industry, and ensuring the nation's (and world's) climate goals are met. Furthermore, we believe the intersectional nature of the proposed program is both commendable and addresses other critical challenges of our time including affordable housing shortages, low high-quality job growth, and supply chain challenges to name a few.

Evidence is mounting that there is significant market demand for high-performance construction<sup>1</sup> that is not currently being met. This supply-side gap is caused by limited advanced building system manufacturers, turnkey providers, and a shortage of trained workers to provide these

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<sup>1</sup> RetrofitNY Building Owner's Pledge: <https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/All-Programs/Programs/RetrofitNY/RetrofitNY-Pledge>

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solutions. Supporting Proposals 1 and 9 will bring advanced construction manufacturing to the City of Milwaukee. This support would bring Milwaukee back into a leadership role in the manufacturing sector and as a leader in the advanced building construction industry. The RMI team looks forward to continuing to work closely with the City of Milwaukee on advancing this important endeavor. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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