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Subject: F&P 10/15

Attachments: ARPA proposals.pdf

Dear Members of the Finance and Personnel Committee,

The attached letter from the Milwaukee Area Labor Council leaves out mentioning specific numbered proposals but primarily covers the following:

#7-13 representing recommendations of the City County Task Force on Climate Change and Economic Equity that would be implemented by ECO

#23 Employ Milwaukee workforce development investments to support the above ideas and #41 Direct Connect which is complementary

#46 and 47 which cover Hazard Pay for city workers left out of the CARES Act funding -- thank you for including consideration of this important item

We are supportive as well as the manner in which these ideas are contained in omnibus proposals. With the exception of ensuring full coverage for City workers for hazard pay, we are not wed to any specific dollar amounts, but wanted to communicate support for ideas to move the green economy forward, to address climate change and support equity in employment.

In terms of item 11 and 74 focusing energy efficiency/weatherization investments on low-income households, it is our understanding that the federal Infrastructure Bill will triple the funding coming to the state and agencies like SDC for low-income weatherization programs. Where the ARPA funding would be more useful is for the families with incomes just above that eligibility. Just sharing that information as we have received it. I wish you well in your deliberations tomorrow.

Pam

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