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To the Honorable Common Council
Of the City of Milwaukee
Room 205 – City Hall

RE: Communications from Travelers Personal Insurance Company
on behalf of Meakalotta Edwards
C.I. File No. 1048-2024-382

Dear Sir or Madam:

Travelers Insurance Company alleges that the City of Milwaukee is responsible for damages their insured, Meakalotta Edwards, incurred when a water meter burst at 6970 North Raintree Court on January 19, 2024. The subject water meter was shared between Unit C, owned by Ms. Edwards, and Unit B, owned by the City of Milwaukee.

Our investigation into this matter revealed that the City of Milwaukee acquired the property at 6970 B North Raintree Court in tax foreclosure on October 22, 2022. On December 27, 2022, the City was notified of a fire involving their property at this location, Unit B. On the same day, a City employee from the Department of City Development visited the property to assess the damage. The property was boarded up and continuous attempts were made to contact the condominium's homeowner association and management company, as it was their responsibility to make the necessary roof repairs.

On January 21, 2024, the City was notified of a burst water pipe at the property. The City tarped the roof in March of 2024, and continuously tried to contact the management company by phone and email.



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It is our view that the water pipe at this location burst due to the roof not being repaired. The roof repair was the responsibility of the homeowner's association, and the City continuously attempted to reach the homeowner's association. As such, the City was not negligent in this case, and accordingly, not liable for subsequent damages. We recommend that this claim for \$17,054.11 be denied.

Very truly yours,



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