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

RE: Communication from KINN GUESTHOUSE
C.I. File No. 2025-001944

Dear Council Members:

Enclosed please find a proposed resolution. We ask that it be introduced and referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Legislation, with the following recommendation.

Kinn Guesthouse owner of 600 North Broadway alleges on July 10 - July 11, 2025, damages occurred as a result of flooding from a water main break and caused damages to their basement. A damage claim for out-of-pocket expenses was submitted in the amount of \$371,658.77 for repairs/restoration, loss personal property and loss of daily revenue.

Milwaukee Water Works (MWW) reported on July 10, 2025, at approximately 11:00pm, the utility responded to a report of leak from MFD, and confirmed a water main break at 608 N. Broadway. The leak was found on the public side of a 4-inch water service branch that served 608 N. Broadway and water service was shut off. A contractor was hired to complete repairs and there were no prior reports or issues with the water service lateral prior to July 10, 2025.

It is our position that the utility took action and responded as soon as it was notified of the leak, and water service was promptly shut off in accordance with standard operating procedures. The city is not liable for damages and we recommend the claim be denied.

Very truly yours,

A blue ink signature of Evan C. Goyke, written in a cursive style.

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