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Milwaukee Common Council  
City Hall Room 205  
200 E Wells St  
Milwaukee, WI 53207

Honorable Council Members:

Anytime Arepa Food Services LLC is a local family business growing proudly in the city of Milwaukee. As we are thankful for the city's support we also urge the Common Council to adopt Council File Number 210547, Mayor Tom Barrett's first allocation of American Rescue Plan funding. We also recognize the critical role of agencies to provide technical assistance to local businesses and providing support during the pandemic.

The Stronger Summer Plan provides over \$93 million in needed funding for a range of critical programs as a first phase in the Mayor's Recovery and Resilience Plan. These resources will help Milwaukee continue a strong recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic through the summer and into fall.

It is our opinion that the Stronger Summer proposal is a strong first step toward a more resilient city. We understand that the plan is grounded in racial equity and inclusion, and takes intentional first steps to address the unequal impact of COVID-19 on Milwaukee residents.

The Stronger Summer package makes investments in many areas including affordable housing that will benefit Milwaukee families this year. It also provides funding to help Milwaukee's small businesses and diverse entrepreneurs. The plan expands resources and efforts to continue building high-quality early childhood education for families. It makes investments to increase employment and wages for Milwaukee workers through training and career pathways. The food service businesses will show also a strong growth and resilience while receiving this support.

Your support of the Stronger Summer plan will help Milwaukee emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic stronger and more equitable. We urge you again to adopt the plan when it is before the Council this month.

Sincerely,

Leo Farfan / Maria Salas  
Anytime Arepa Food Services LLC