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To the Honorable  
the Common Council  
City of Milwaukee  
City Hall - Room 205  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Council Members:

Please find enclosed two copies of a resolution relating to the authorization of general obligation borrowing for improvements to public buildings for housing machinery and equipment in an amount not to exceed \$425,000. This borrowing authority was approved as part of the Adopted 2001 City of Milwaukee Budget in the form of "Contingent Borrowing". The required Fiscal Note for this resolution is also attached. This resolution is prepared as the first step in a multi-resolution borrowing process. It is intended that a currently under consideration "Corporate Purpose Resolution" will subsequently be amended to incorporate this borrowing area into a single comprehensive authority. The specific purposes intended for this borrowing resolution are required Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements within City buildings and facilities. It is our understanding that the Milwaukee Public Library (Central facility) Wisconsin Avenue ADA access will be financed from this borrowing.

We would request that this resolution be introduced at the regularly scheduled Common Council meeting of Tuesday, February 27, 2001 and be assigned to the appropriate Council committee. The requested authority replaces a like amount contained within the adopted 2001 City budget for ADA curb ramp improvements under the responsibility of DPW Infrastructure Services. This attached resolution would be under the responsibility of DPW Buildings & Fleet Division. In essence, this resolution allows shifting of ADA improvements from one area to another.

In the event that your honorable body should adopt this debt resolution, public notice (publication) under the provisions of Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Stats. relating to "permissive referendums" will be required. This statutory language requires "... the governing body shall, within 15 days after the initial resolution is recorded, publish a notice stating the purpose and maximum principal amount of the bond issue and describing the opportunity and procedure for submitting a petition requesting a referendum on the bond issue." (67.05[1] Wisconsin Stats.). The required publication should include language, as previously authored and provided by the City Attorney relative to the details of specific procedure that the citizenry would utilize for a challenging petition of the adopted

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borrowing. We will be in contact with Ms. Debra Fowler of the City Clerk's Office relating to the number of certified "Affidavits of Publication" required for this published bond initial resolution.

If there are any questions, or if we may be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact Robert Seeber of my staff.

Very truly yours,

W. MARTIN MORICS  
Comptroller

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