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The Honorable Milwaukee Common Council
200 E. Wells St., Room 205
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Dear Aldermen:

I respectfully request that you consider immediate adoption of File No. 050833 at the next Council meeting. This file authorizes the City to negotiate with Midwest Fiber Networks to build a citywide wireless network, and positions Milwaukee to become the first large City in the country to build such a network. A copy of the resolution is enclosed.

As we work to move the negotiation process forward, your input is critically needed on what benefits the City should seek from the builders of the network, in exchange for the placement of equipment and antennas on City facilities. Such benefits could take the form of direct payments, wireless services to City agencies, free or low-cost wireless in specific areas of the City, or a combination of benefits. The final agreement will come back to the Common Council for approval.

I will contact you soon to schedule a meeting to further discuss this matter. Meanwhile, if you have any questions regarding the resolution or negotiation process, I welcome the opportunity to speak with you.

Thank you very much for your consideration. With your support, Milwaukee will be the first large City in the nation with complete wireless Internet coverage.

Sincerely,

Randolf A. Gschwind
Chief Information Officer

Enclosure

C: Mayor Tom Barrett
Sharon Robinson, Director of Administration
Jeffrey Mantes, Commissioner of Public Works