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

Re:

Trasus T. Wright et al. v. Jeffrey C. Cox et al.

Case No. 23-CV-6018

Dear Council Members:

Enclosed please find a proposed resolution to approve a settlement for \$45,000 to settle the claims raised by Trasus T. Wright and Dea Wright in the lawsuit *Trasus T. Wright, et al. v. City of Milwaukee, et al.*, Milwaukee County Court Case. No. 23-CV-6018, as well as a fiscal impact statement.

Plaintiff Trasus Wright was stopped on North 20th Street at West North Avenue in the City of Milwaukee around 1:38 p.m. on December 31, 2020, when a City plow operator clearing snow in the roadway collided with the rear passenger panel of his 2006 Hyundai Odyssey. Plaintiff was transported by ambulance to St. Mary's Hospital, diagnosed with a neck strain, and discharged the same day. Subsequently, on January 1, 2021, Plaintiff was admitted and treated for a stroke. Plaintiff produced medical bills totaling \$118,213.68 and claimed \$93,872.00 for lost wages.

Following mediation, the parties agreed – subject to final approval by the City Attorney, the Common Council, and the Mayor, to settle for \$45,000 representing damages attributable to treatment of his neck/back injury. The City Attorney recommends the proposed settlement as is in the City's best interest. In exchange for the settlement Plaintiffs will execute a settlement agreement and general release of all claims arising out of their lawsuit.

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We ask that the Judiciary and Legislation Committee recommend this resolution for adoption by the full Common Council.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

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