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Good morning,

I'm hoping one or both of you can pass along my message to the aldermen considering the Health Commissioner appointment early next week. Find it below. Can you please confirm it got through to be appropriate parties? Thank you.
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To the esteemed Milwaukee Common Council Public Safety and Health Committee:

Please approve Mayor Barrett's appointment of Jeanette Kowalik as Health Commissioner.

I worked as Dr. Kowalik's colleague in tobacco control 10+ years ago, and we stayed in touch as she completed her PhD at UWM when I worked at the Zilber School of Public Health.

I now coordinate the state's tobacco control coalition, so I work with health department leaders from all over Wisconsin. I would love to partner with MHD, too. However, I'm afraid those of us in the public health profession have known about MHD's dysfunction long before it came to public light. Under competent and optimistic leadership, like Dr. Kowalik's, I have high hopes for MHD's ability to improve health outcomes for Milwaukee's citizens.

I am writing you on my personal time because I fully support this appointment. I feel strongly that it's of statewide importance and sorely needed now (and sadly long overdue).

Jeanette Kowalik’s an example of what equity means to me - providing opportunities for every person at every stage of life to meet their potential. Please allow Dr. Kowalik this opportunity to fulfill her potential and serve her city. I believe she can effectively lead this adrift city department. I’m sure you agree it’s productive work is so very important to children and families.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts about this important decision.

Sincerely,

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Sent from my iPhone