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City of Milwaukee
Common Council
200 E. Wells St.
Milwaukee, WI 53202

RE: Incorporating Milwaukee Public Library Foundation into the City of Milwaukee
Combined Giving Campaign

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Dear Common Council Members,

On behalf of the Friends of the Milwaukee Public Library, I would like to write in support of including the Milwaukee Public Library (MPL) Foundation in the City of Milwaukee Employee's Combined Giving Campaign.

The MPL Foundation collaborates with the Friends of Milwaukee Public Library by hosting numerous events and opportunities for Milwaukee families and individuals to become involved in the library. By attending these events, members of our community have embraced the use of the library and have been exposed to the many services provided.

The Friends of the Milwaukee Public Library also receive essential support from the MPL Foundation in assisting with management of the Friends Membership Program, recruitment of the Friends Docent Team who provides free historical tours of Central Library, and supporting the Bookseller Used Bookstore and public book sales. Funds raised from these efforts are given back to the Milwaukee Public Library in the form of grants to purchase new materials for both children and adults.

Including the Milwaukee Public Library Foundation in the City of Milwaukee Employee's Combined Giving Campaign will support the organization and its efforts to create a vibrant community committed to lifelong learning.

Thank you for considering my request.

Respectfully yours,

Barbara Franczyk
Friends of the Milwaukee Public Library
Board President