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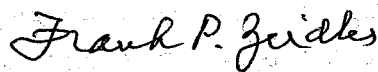
Honorable Aldermen and Alderwomen:

I had received notice from the chair of your committee, Ald. Pawlinski, that the matter of the City of Milwaukee selling water to communities outside its city limits was under consideration. Circumstances prevented my attending the committee meeting on the subject and so I am writing to give a view.

The resolution is File No. 020450, which amends a previously adopted policy on selling City of Milwaukee water outside the city limits. I note that in neither in the amendment or in the original resolution there appears to be any language relating to whether the areas to be served outside of the City of Milwaukee lie within the Lake Michigan drainage basin or not. I think it is important to consider this aspect in any serving of water outside of Milwaukee. Lake Michigan has a limited drainage basin and in previous years it was a policy of the city, as I recollect it, not to serve water to any community outside of the drainage basin. Milwaukee long had a dispute with Chicago about the diversion of Lake Michigan water to flush Chicago's waste water down to the Mississippi River. I think a wise policy for the preservation of the quality of Lake Michigan and its water levels is to not take its water to serve communities where the waste water is not returned to the lake basin.

Thank you for considering this suggestion of amending the resolution to limit the areas thought to be served to those within the Lake Michigan drainage basin.

Very truly yours,



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