

December 31, 2017

To: Alderman Jim Bohl

From: Lisbon Foods, Inc.

DBA Sentry Foods

9210 W. Lisbon Ave.

Milwaukee, WI 53222

Re: Cart Legislation

To whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of our business to express our concerns regarding the proposed cart legislation. This is really a poor way to show support to your local businesses that employ your residents and pay taxes to the City of Milwaukee. Removing shopping carts from store premises is already a crime. We spend countless hours every year driving the neighborhood and picking up carts illegally removed from our property, in addition to patrolling our premises on a regular basis to stop scrappers from stealing our carts. Proposing additional expense and fines against a company that has been the victim of a crime makes absolutely no sense. Cart security systems are terribly expensive and quite frankly, do not work. These systems would cost our business at least \$30,000.00 to install, and are simply ignored by thieves. They either break the wheel lock, or just push the cart while it is locked, which then breaks the wheel lock. In addition, we have many elderly customers who ask to use our carts to get their groceries home, as they do not drive and walk to our store. Cart security systems do not allow exceptions, and the elderly in our neighborhood would be another victim of this legislation. If these systems were so good and saved us so much money and were better for our customers, I'm quite sure every retail business would use them. We do not enjoy missing a grocery cart that we purchased for \$150.00, only to have to replace it.

I would ask that you please re-consider this legislation in the best interest of your tax paying businesses and the non-criminal, taxpaying residents of our city.

Sincerely,

Timothy A Hogan

President

Lisbon Foods, Inc.

