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To all member of the Common Council:

With 48 hours' notice, I was surprised that file [181610](#) was added to Thursday's Steering and Rules Committee agenda. It was my understanding that this item was to be held during the next cycle in order for the health department to meet with FLAC about their data methods and assemble experts to adequately address the intent of the communication file. My advanced communication to several council members indicated that I will be out of town on the 14th, making it impossible for me to be present to talk about this important issue.

If the communication file will be held at the February 14th Steering and Rules Committee meeting, I request that the file also be held at the Public Safety and Health Committee on March 7th. I want to provide an update on the status of the program and general education around lead poisoning. We have already asked external experts to present at that meeting.

In April 2018, under the leadership of Interim Commissioner Patricia McManus, the health department provided an overview of lead poisoning in the City of Milwaukee to the Steering and Rules Committee. The presentation was HIPAA compliant and accurately used data to represent the epidemiological science behind lead poisoning. I've included a copy of the presentation, including recommendations, with this letter. The full presentation can be viewed [here](#).

Our lead program continues to work diligently to provide children who have been lead poisoned with the services they need. As always, we are happy to work with you to address any questions you have about lead poisoning.

Respectfully,

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Attachments:

Steering and Rules Lead Presentation, Final 4-6-18

