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To the Honorable,  
Judiciary and Legislation Committee  
City Hall, Room 205  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Re: Status of Recommendations from the Outstanding Debt Task Force

Dear Committee Members:

As noted in our October 12, 2006 status reports on the recommendations from the Outstanding Debt Task Force that involved the Comptroller's Office, my office's focus has been on the implementation of a Citywide miscellaneous accounts receivable and billing system. To effectively address recommendations one through four in Common Council File 051297 from the Outstanding Debt Task Force, a citywide billing/accounts receivable system is needed. The Outstanding Debt Task Force recommendations that involved the Comptroller's Office are as follows:

Recommendation 1 - That the City Comptroller and City Treasurer develop a revenue collection policy for miscellaneous accounts receivable. The revenue collection policy would exclude property taxes, municipal court revenues, and parking fines.

Recommendation 2 - That the City Comptroller and City Treasurer work to implement late payment fines, if appropriate.

Recommendation 3 - That the Comptroller's Office and the City Attorney work together to develop a policy in regard to writing off the debt that does not fall within the statute of limitations.

Recommendation 4 - That the Comptroller's Office work with other departments to investigate the increased use of standard costs.

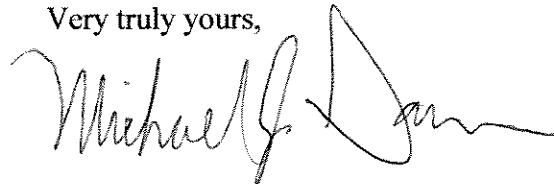
My office anticipated that a citywide miscellaneous accounts receivable would have been fully implemented by the end of 2006. The billings system is currently being used for City invoicing

with the exception of DPW project billing. Technical problems still need to be resolved by DOA-ITMD with the assistance of DPW. Due to other workload issues in DOA-ITMD including the HRMS PeopleSoft upgrade, we do not anticipate these technical problems will be resolved in the short-term. We continue to work with DOA-ITMD and DPW and are hopeful the technical issues will be resolved later this year. Accounts receivable that were billed prior to the implementation of the Citywide billing would then need to be converted manually to the new system which could take another six months.

Once the infrastructure and data is available from a citywide billing/accounts receivable system, we will have the resources need to effectively start addressing the Outstanding Debt Task Force recommendations.

If you need any additional information, please contact my office.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Dan" or similar, written in a cursive style.

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