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ASHANTI HAMILTON

ALDERMAN, 1ST DISTRICT

September 5, 2007

Kevin R. Hayden, Secretary
Department of Health and Family Services
1 W. Wilson Street
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Secretary Hayden:

I am writing to invite appropriate representatives of the Department's Division of Children and Family Services and the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare to provide information to the City of Milwaukee Common Council relating to group and family foster care in Milwaukee. I have opened a Council File (#070650) for communication on foster care issues that could be heard by the Council's Public Safety Committee on the morning of September 13, 2007, or a later date if necessary.

This request is prompted by recent contacts from constituents who expressed concerns about a perceived over-concentration of foster homes in some neighborhoods. Concerns were also expressed about unsupervised children and about the physical condition of foster homes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ashanti Hamilton".

Ashanti Hamilton
Alderman, 1st District

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