

February 10, 2005

Mr. Joe Davis 2nd District Alderman City of Milwaukee City Hall, Rm. 205 200 E. Wells St. Milwaukee, WI 53202-3570

Dear Mr. Davis,

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For more information about Sister Cities International, or to join, please contact Ms. Amy Kohlbrecher, Membership Director, at 202-347-8630, ext. 8639. If you have any further questions or comments, do not hesitate to contact me. I may be reached via e-mail at **thoney@sister-cities.org** or feel free to call me at 202-347-8630. At Sister Cities International, we look forward to working together in order to help enhance your community. And please do browse through our Web site at http://www.sister-cities.org.

Sincerely

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February 11, 2005

Alderman Joe Davis Sr. City Hall, Room 205 200 East Wells Street Milwaukee, WI 53202-3570

Dear Alderman Davis:

I write to commend you on your efforts to establish a strong, dynamic sister city relationship for the City of Milwaukee. I have been deeply impressed by your thoughtful and thorough approach to this project. I also strongly agree with your assessment that solid, institutionalized mechanisms for maximizing the benefit of such a relationship can make the difference between a good idea that never develops and a long-lasting, mutually beneficial partnership between two communities.

As you know, I believe that helping American citizens to engage with the world beyond our borders is a critically important challenge for the United States in this new century. In order to combat misperceptions and stereotypes that can poison international relations and harm our national security, we must reach out, develop economic, professional, and cultural relationships with other communities, and commit ourselves to building a world of shared understanding and respect.

I thank you for your work to date and I wish you all the best in your continued efforts.

Sincerely.

Russ Feingold

United States Senator

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