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10TH DISTRICT

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Members of the Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission Policies and Standards Committee,

I write to you today to express my strong support for the proposed amendment to the Milwaukee Police Department Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) 610 relating to towing of vehicles.

Reckless driving affects everyone in our communities. My constituents have contacted me to say that they do not feel safe when they are driving to work, to the grocery store, or driving their kids to school. Substantial steps need to be taken to ensure that those who wish to disregard our traffic laws and put others in danger will be held accountable, and that starts by criminalizing vehicles which are clearly being used as weapons by disregarding the safety of others on our roads.

By adopting this amendment as well as other future measures I'm working on that go further, we are sending a message to all drivers that those who wish to treat our roads as their own personal racetrack will be held accountable for their unacceptable and dangerous behavior and their vehicles will be towed away to keep them off the streets.

Thank you for reading my testimony, and I look forward to seeing this policy implemented to keep dangerous drivers and their vehicles off our streets.

In Service,

David Bowen

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