



July 14, 2010

President Willie Hines

City of Milwaukee Common Council

200 East Wells Street

Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear President Hines:

I am writing to express my support for the work of the City of Milwaukee's Office of Environmental Sustainability and particularly their efforts to leverage the recently awarded Retrofit Ramp Up grant with workforce development strategies.

As you may know, the Helen Bader Foundation provides funding to support a variety of workforce development projects and organizations which work to provide career advance and training to low-income and low-skilled individuals. We view the opportunity to work collaboratively with the City's ME2 project as an excellent way to develop job opportunities in the residential and commercial retrofit market and to connect Milwaukee's residents to those opportunities. To that end, the Board of the Helen Bader Foundation will be considering a grant to support staffing within the Office of Environmental Sustainability to facilitate and coordinate the workforce development outcomes of the ME2 project.

We look forward to continued collaboration with the City and to the leadership of the Council in supporting this work.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Dunn

Community Investment Officer