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To the Honorable Common Council of the City of Milwaukee Room 205 – City Hall

Re: C.I. File No. 1068-2018-1466

Communication from: National Interstate Insurance by its representative

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Dear Council Members:

National Interstate Insurance alleges that on April 26, 2018 their insured's trailer sustained damages when it collided with a low hanging City tree branch. Claimed damages total \$26,841.00.

There was a WE Energies project in the area. The tractor driver was traveling on a road which was not meant for large tractor-trailer travel and drove into a tree. The City cannot accept liability for the damages. Therefore, we recommend that this claim be denied.

Very truly yours,

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