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

Re: Resolution to approve settlement of the claims of the estate and children of
Barbara Killebrew

Dear Council Members:

Enclosed is a resolution recommending settlement of the above-referenced claim, which we ask be introduced and referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Legislation for their recommendation. The committee should schedule this for a meeting in closed session to be followed by open session to take action.

This claim was brought by the four adult children of Barbara Killebrew and her estate, and alleges that employees of the Milwaukee Police Department were negligent in dispatching and directing emergency response to 911 calls that were made when Ms. Killebrew sustained multiple stab wounds from a criminal suspect on June 24, 2014. Paramedics from the Milwaukee Fire Department had responded and were waiting outside the premises for the arrival of police to clear the area of the suspect. Unfortunately, police did not arrive until 22 minutes after the initial 911 call, and Ms. Killebrew died before the paramedics were able to offer assistance. Claimants have provided a medical opinion stating that Ms. Killebrew would not have died from her injuries if the paramedics had been able to enter the premises and respond sooner. Six officers received discipline as a result of the MPD's internal investigation following this incident, and the Department's operating procedure relative to dispatch was also reviewed and revised.



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The claimants have agreed to accept the sum of \$200,000 given the statutory caps that apply to negligence cases, and the City Attorney recommends settlement of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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