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Subject: Say "NO" to AZCN - STOP PREDATORY SCHOOLS

Ms. Connelly,

I am writing on behalf of QDC Research and Policy Consulting Group LLC (QDC), a public health consulting firm who utilizes evidence and the power of community wisdom to improve community conditions. I am also Co-Founder of the Milwaukee Black Grassroots Network for Health Equity (MBGNHE), a collection of black advocates and leaders dedicated to removing barriers that prevent Black families and communities from being healthy and thriving.

QDC and the MBGNHE stand in solidarity with the Committee on Equity in Nursing Education calling for members of the Common Council, Mayor Cavalier Johnson, and the Department of City Development to reject the Arizona College of Nursing from entering Milwaukee. This predatory institution is embattled in lawsuits and their presence in our community would especially be harmful Black and low-income persons interested in nursing careers and receiving a quality nursing education. We have been here before and a trail of pain was left (lawsuits from fraud, student loan debt contributing to the racial wealth gap, no tangible increases in the workforce especially related to diversity, discouraged community members avoiding careers in health care, abandoned buildings, and list goes on). The impact of AZCN would be disastrous for Milwaukee in many ways.

Say "NO" to AZCN

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