

July 10, 2012

To the Honorable Members of the
Public Works Committee
City of Milwaukee

Dear Committee Members:

File No. 120085 grants an air space lease to Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company for a pedestrian bridge to span N. Van Buren Street between 733 N. Van Buren Street and 720 E. Wisconsin Avenue for the premises at 733 N. Van Buren Street, in the 4th Aldermanic District.

In accordance with state law, this file will grant an airspace lease to The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company for the purpose of constructing and maintaining a skywalk connecting the properties at 733 North Van Buren Street and 720 East Wisconsin Avenue.

The Skywalk Design Task Force recommended approval of the proposed file at its meeting on July 2, 2012, and the Air and Subterranean Space Lease Committee also recommended approval at its July 3, 2012 meeting. The City Plan Commission at its regular meeting on July 9, 2012, recommended approval of the subject file, and additionally recommended that the applicant explore decorative lighting on the underside of the skywalk and utilization of a lighter tinted glass in order to animate the pedestrian bridge.

Sincerely,

Rocky Marcoux
Executive Secretary
City Plan Commission of Milwaukee

Cc: Ald. Bauman