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

RE:

C.I. File No. 1029-2022-936

Communication from WILBER on behalf of DARRELL MOFFETT

Dear Council Members:

Enclosed please find a proposed resolution. We ask that it be introduced and referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Legislation with the following recommendations.

WILBER, on behalf of the property owner of 3807 North 24th Street, Darrell Moffett, alleges that Mr. Moffett incurred damages related to a leak in his "iron pipe line" in the amount of \$8,801.95. They further allege that this leak was caused by the City's negligence.

Milwaukee Water Works (MWW) investigation into this matter revealed that A MWW crew responded to this location on April 22, 2022, and discovered a leak in the privately-owned portion of the water service lateral. Because this was a lead service lateral, the property was placed into the Lead Service Replacement program, and the lead service line was replaced on October 31, 2022.

Infrastructure's Sewer Maintenance Division also searched their records for this location and found no record of sewer leaks or backups. In addition, in response to this claim, Sewer's dispatched a field investigator to the location to check the main sewer, and it was found to be in good working condition.

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There is no evidence that the City was negligent in this matter. As such, the City would not be liable. Therefore, we recommend that this claim be denied.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures

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