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Committee Chair Jim Bohl
200 E. Wells Street
Room 205
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Committee Chair Jim Bohl,

I am writing this letter on behalf of members of Laborers' Local 113 in support of the proposed streetcar project. The streetcar proposal is an innovative design addition to the plans for redeveloping Milwaukee's lakefront and for increasing transportation options in the City.

We would like to add our voice to that of those who have discussed the benefits of adding this type of mass transit within Milwaukee, for the many reasons that have been laid out in public discussion. There are federal funds to cover a larger portion of the project, funds that can be used for no other purpose. The streetcar adds an exciting dimension to the Lakefront plans, and will put Milwaukee on the map. There are points in the development trajectory where visionary leadership can propel an idea into a whole that is greater than the sum of its parts, and we think this is one of those scenarios.

Last but not least, the project will create jobs. Through the leadership of Milwaukee's elected officials, large projects have been successful in providing job openings for unemployed and underemployed residents of Milwaukee. Many of the individuals that have worked on such projects have sustained work in the construction industry. We look forward to working with City officials to make that a reality on the streetcar project as well.

Sincerely,

Anthony Neira,
Business Manager

Cc: Mayor Tom Barrett