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Cc: Jennifer Bolger Breceda; Shambarger, Erick
Subject: Re: Ban on Plastic Straws Item 190942

Alds. Kovac, Bauman, Dodd and Johnson—

It has come to my attention that you are cosponsoring a resolution to ban plastic straws (Item 190942), which will be considered at the Thursday Public Safety and Health Committee meeting. On behalf of Milwaukee Riverkeeper, we are in favor of this measure and any measures to reduce plastic waste in the City of Milwaukee and appreciate you taking this on. I will be in Detroit on Thursday, and unable to attend to express our support in person, but please feel free to share this with other Committee members.

We would also support a substitute resolution that would include an exemption for individuals (or entities like Senior Homes, Nursing Care facilities) requesting straws for those with a disability. That seems like a common sense measure that would address many concerns that we have heard from ADA disability rights/advocacy groups that have been concerned about proposed plastic straw bans in the past, and minimize any opposition to this measure.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue.

Best,

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