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

Re:

CCFN 041757 – A substitute ordinance relating to parental responsibility for misconduct of minors

Dear Council Members:

You have referred the above file to our office for approval as to the legality and enforceability of the proposed ordinance regarding parental responsibility for misconduct of minors.

We request that this matter be held over until the next council meeting, so that we have sufficient time to review the ordinance and advise you as to potential legal ramifications, particularly concerning its constitutionality and enforceability.

The ordinances on this subject recently passed by jurisdictions in this region are not uniform. In addition, court cases from New Jersey and New Hampshire have held ordinances similar to the one in this file to be unconstitutional.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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