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Alderman Michael Murphy 10<sup>th</sup> Aldermanic District Room 205 – City Hall

Re: \$9.1 Million for MPS

Dear Alderman Murphy:

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We have received your May 9 request for a legal opinion asking the legal implications of the City's non-payment of the full budgeted amount requested by MPS. As you know, this office has a conflict because it represents both the City and MPS. After the February meeting between representatives of MPS and the City, we asked for a waiver of this conflict so that we could speak with the Comptroller about this issue and its possible solutions. We have not yet received that waiver. Therefore, we cannot respond to your opinion request at this time. However, if an appropriate waiver of conflict is given, then we will respond promptly.

Very truly yours,

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