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City of Milwaukee  
Zoning, Neighborhood & Development Committee  
City Hall  
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Dear Zoning, Neighborhood, and Development Committee,

On behalf of Vulcan Global Manufacturing Solutions, Inc., I am writing to share our thoughts on the Pierce & Bruce Sub-District Study. Our business has been in this neighborhood for 45 years and we currently employ more than 100 people.

Businesses and property owners in this area joined the Menomonee Valley Business Improvement District several years ago because of a range of issues in and around the area. We want to see the same kind of positive changes that have happened in other areas of the Menomonee River Valley happen here, and having a City-adopted plan will help leverage the resources for improvements needed in this part of the district.

Our understanding of the proposal is the zoning on Bruce and Pierce Street will be changed with companies like ours being grandfathered in as Industrial Heavy (IH). All IH properties will be the exception and will have to go and ask for special allowance if we wish to expand or change. The proposed zoning changes will also allow residential areas to be created. This is the beginning of the end for IH. The complaints will role in on traffic, truck noise, bicycle safety and etc. Residential and IH do not mix. It will be only a matter of time before IH will be pushed out. To this end we are opposed to the current plan, as it does not adequately protect IH.

We do support the plan's recommendations: 1) mobilizing resources to address real and perceived safety issues in the district, 2) implementing streetscape and intersection improvements, 3) expanding public access to the Burnham Canal, and 4) pursuing rezoning that protects heavy industry manufacturing like Vulcan GMS.

We look forward to continuing to work with the City of Milwaukee and Menomonee Valley Partners to implement these recommendations that will improve safety, visibility, and attractiveness of our neighborhood so that businesses continue to thrive in the Bruce and Pierce Street corridor.

Sincerely,

Charles Yanke  
Owner, Vulcan GMS

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