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To The Honorable Members of the Common Council
City of Milwaukee
200 East Wells Street, Room 205
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Dear Council Members:

I am writing on behalf of the Havenwoods Economic Development Corporation with regard to File Nos. 991763 and 011055 concerning Milwaukee's new comprehensive zoning ordinance. It has been brought to my attention that certain Council members have entertained attaching a specific amendment to this new comprehensive ordinance which would reduce available industrial land in the geographic area served by the Havenwoods Economic Development Corporation.

It is disheartening for our group to learn of the actions of these Council members from sources other than the Council members themselves or the benefactors of their advocacy. This only breeds suspicion and renders the entire situation suspect.

Even more disturbing is the fact that the proposed amendment in question was before the Common Council in the past (as a separate issue) and it was denied. Given the passage of time, at least two facts have changed since then. The makeup of the Common Council has changed and the owners of property adjoining the area proposed for rezoning have changed. Both myself and the City can skirt and dance around with the legal questions raised by these new facts, but let's cut to the chase - as in the past, this proposed amendment should be treated by the Common Council as a separate issue, not as a footnote.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Steven A. Hentzen, President