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To: Mayor Tom Barrett **Subject:** Milwaukee Streetcar

Mayor Barrett,

I appreciate the diligent pursuit of the Milwaukee Streetcar project over the past few years. Despite extremely vocal opposition to this project, it is a sound idea for Milwaukee, and a good use of taxpayer dollars. It is a project that helps create a better business climate in the city without direct government handouts to indivduals or companies.

In laying the track for a streetcar instead of adding more buses to the city the Milwaukee Streecar will be creating the permanent structures necessary to attract businesses and residents. People don't start companies next to bus stops, they start companies next to permanent, fixed structures that drop customers off at their front door.

Building this streetcar will boost the city's walkability between some of the best parts of down town. Milwaukee is a city with great walkability within it's pockets of neighborhoods, but the connections between those neighborhoods is lacking. The Milwaukee Streetcar will help link thos pockets together so that a visitor or permanent resident can easily walk from one neighborhood to another.

The opportunities that the Milwaukee Streetcar will provide may be hard for some to envision today, but once the project is in place, it will become clear that the pro's far outway the con's. I can envision a day when the opponents will be able to enjoy the benefits that the streetcar will bring to the great city of Milwaukee.

Thank you! Jerry R. Lynn

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