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**RE: NAACP Opposed to Proposed Water Agreement**

Dear Aldermen:

The Milwaukee Branch NAACP opposes the proposed agreement to sell additional water to New Berlin. We request the agreement be amended to provide more equitable benefit to the citizens of Milwaukee.

New Berlin's current water woes are the product of irresponsible development. Undeterred, New Berlin now plans to develop more than 1000 new residences and businesses in the proposed service area. This is highly irresponsible. The City of Milwaukee should be hesitant to aid irresponsible development in the region, particularly where the development threatens to harm the interests of Milwaukee residents.

The lost tax revenue caused by Milwaukee firms relocating to New Berlin will in all likelihood greatly outweigh the negligible benefits to Milwaukee residents. We would like the City of Milwaukee to conduct a thorough study of the costs and benefits of the additional diversion of Lake Michigan water. Such a study should include a calculation of the potential loss of tax revenue to New Berlin as the result of firms and jobs leaving the City of Milwaukee. The study should also outline options available to New Berlin to provide safe water to its current businesses and residents.

We are disturbed that the proposed agreement fails to secure New Berlin's cooperation in increasing affordable housing for all citizens in the region and improving mass transit options (including light rail) in the region.

We ask that the Public Works committee oppose the current agreement until fair and equitable benefits can be obtained for the citizens of Milwaukee

Sincerely,



Jerry Ann Hamilton  
President Milwaukee Branch