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Dear Members of the Milwaukee Common Council,

As a donor and board member of Friendship Circle Wisconsin, I am writing to express my heartfelt support for the approval of \$50,000 in Community Led Transformation Funding (CLTF) for suicide prevention efforts in the City of Milwaukee. This funding represents more than just a financial contribution—it's an opportunity to save lives and strengthen the very fabric of our community. The urgent need for this work became tragically clear with the recent passing of Alderman Jonathan Brostoff. Jonathan was a passionate advocate for Milwaukee and a cherished friend to many. His compassion, integrity, and unwavering dedication to serving others left a lasting mark on our city. Losing him to suicide was a devastating reminder that even the strongest among us may face silent battles. In Jonathan's memory, Friendship Circle launched the We Can Save Lives Tour—a bold and compassionate initiative that aims to train more than 1,000 people in suicide prevention through free safeTALK trainings. These sessions empower participants to recognize warning signs and connect those in crisis with the support they need. With this funding, Friendship Circle will be able to expand its reach and equip even more residents with life-saving skills. I respectfully urge you to approve this vital funding. In doing so, you will not only honor Jonathan's enduring legacy but also help build a more supportive and compassionate Milwaukee. Thank you for your thoughtful leadership and ongoing commitment to mental health and suicide prevention.

Warm regards,

Mindy Palay,

Donor / Board Member Friendship Circle Wisconsin