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To: Robert Bauman

Subject: Resolution creating a task force...

Alder Bauman,

Regrettably, I will be unable to attend the January 23, 2007 hearing on Resolution 061056: creating a task force to study alcohol beverage establishments. I will be out of state.

However, I wish you to know that the Wisconsin Restaurant Association (WRA) fully supports the formation of this task force. This was the # 1 recommendation of your informal Security camera/violent crime working group. WRA and its members would be very willing to participate in the task force if asked.

Violent crime affects all citizens of Milwaukee and can have ramifications well beyond the borders of the city. Unchecked, a reputation of having a violent crime problem can affect the attitudes of potential visitors from near and far. It can become a deterrent to conventions and to business investment

Therefore, you are to be commended for raising the issue and pursuing solutions.

Please feel free to indicate WRA's support to the Licenses Committee.

Thank you!

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