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Dear Members of the Milwaukee Common Council,

As a financial support of Friendship Circle Wisconsin, I am writing to express my strong support for the approval of \$50,000 in Community Led Transformation Funding (CLTF) for suicide prevention efforts in the City of Milwaukee.

This funding is more than just a financial investment—it is a lifeline that will directly save lives and strengthen our community.

The need for this work became painfully clear with the recent passing of Alderman Jonathan Brostoff. Jonathan was a tireless advocate for Milwaukee and a dear friend to many. His compassion, dedication, and commitment to serving others made our city a better place. Losing him to suicide was a heartbreaking reminder that even those who dedicate their lives to helping others can be silently struggling.

In Jonathan's memory, Friendship Circle launched the *We Can Save Lives Tour*, an initiative to train over 1,000 people in suicide prevention through free Safetalk trainings. These sessions teach people how to recognize the warning signs of suicide and connect those in crisis to the critical help they need.

With this funding, Friendship Circle will expand its reach and equip more Milwaukee residents with the skills and confidence to intervene, offering hope and saving lives.

I urge you to approve this critical funding. By doing so, you will be honoring Jonathan's legacy and helping build a safer, more compassionate Milwaukee.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to mental health and suicide prevention.

Sincerely,  
Eliot Scheuer  
Volunteer

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