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Common Council Members:

I am writing to express my support for allocating funding for the Safe And Sound program.
The organization provides a vital and necessary service to Milwaukee residents.
As you know, the city of Milwaukee has many neighborhoods that are under siege.
There are areas where residents live in environments of disorder and are significantly impacted by crime and public safety issues.
Not all residents who live there are the problem. Many good people want to see their neighborhood improve, but they don't feel empowered and supported by city resources which may be stretched too thin.
The people who want to change the neighborhoods for the better need assistance. Safe And Sound offers them resources and technical assistance to enable positive change to occur.
My particular neighborhood has developed a strong relationship with Community Prosecution Unit operating out of Police District 3. They have been invaluable to helping us work with issues that negatively impact the quality of life in our community. The staff of the CPU has worked directly with our residents in abating nuisance properties. Some residents are not comfortable working directly with the police department. The CPU is a buffer that they are comfortable engaging, therefore they assist them with getting involved with developing solutions to problems that affect the community.

I strongly encourage the committee to allocate the resources that allow Safe And Sound to continue servicing the community.

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