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ALDERMAN, 13TH DISTRICT

May 29, 2009

Keep America Beautiful, Inc.
2009 Graffiti Hurts Grant
1010 Washington Boulevard
Stamford, CT 06901

To Whom It May Concern:

The City of Milwaukee's anti-graffiti efforts are comprehensive in breadth and scope. Milwaukee is eager to develop and implement a youth intervention and education program to make these programs more effective. For an Anti-Graffiti Program to be effective it is necessary to involve the area youth. Rather than reacting to crime, we need to encourage crime prevention by reaching large numbers of youth in a way that resonates with them.

The future of the area youth is of the utmost importance. Children as young as 11 years old have been apprehended in Milwaukee for graffiti vandalism. There are several choices in graffiti crime prevention, We can attempt to increase the difficulty to commit the crime by increasing police patrol, we can increase the risk of getting caught by adding surveillance cameras to high risk areas, or we could stop the problem before it starts by educating the youth who are at risk of participating in this activity before they choose to do so.

By educating the youth and making graffiti socially abhorrent we can save Milwaukee citizens money and time and keep our community free from this damaging activity. We can also help keep these children on track and out of the criminal justice system.

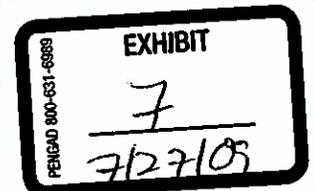
As a member of the City of Milwaukee's Anti-Graffiti Policy Committee, I support the efforts of the proposed Anti-Graffiti Youth Intervention Radio Campaign.

Please contact me if you need further information regarding the City's Anti-Graffiti Program efforts at 414-286-2883.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry L. Witkowski".

Ald. Terry L. Witkowski
13th Aldermanic District



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To Whom It May Concern:

I own and operate three Ace Hardware stores in the City of Milwaukee. Two of my stores are in areas that have had considerable graffiti vandalism. I am on Business Improvement Boards for both of those areas. Individually and through the Boards I have spent considerable time and money removing graffiti in our areas. My store staff and I provide graffiti removal products and advice to the Milwaukee Department of Neighborhood Services and to graffiti victims. While my stores sell spray paint we are involved in and support the Milwaukee Responsible Retailer Program that works to keep spray paint out of the hands of vandals.

Unfortunately the above is the small part of the true cost of this problem. The real cost is what it does to our community. To many people graffiti says our districts are crime zones and accordingly they don't want to live, work or shop here. Impressionable youth see graffiti and think it is cool and OK. That is why I so strongly support the City of Milwaukee's proposed Youth Intervention Radio campaign. It delivers the right message, to the right audience, in the right way and through the right media.

Thank you for your consideration of the this proposal and I urge your support of it

Sincerely,



David A. Rotter
CoPres/CoCEO



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June 5, 2009

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To Whom It May Concern:

I write in support of the City of Milwaukee's proposal to implement a graffiti intervention program for area youth.

By increasing efforts to combat graffiti in a proactive rather than reactive manner and educating our young people on the negative consequences an arrest or adjudication could bring, we hope to deter youth from criminal activity before it happens. Young people often look to their peers as role models, and utilizing other young persons to broadcast the anti-graffiti message will no doubt capture the attention of the intended audience and increase its effectiveness.

Successful early intervention will not only increase the odds of brighter futures for our youth but allow law enforcement agencies to place greater focus of ever dwindling resources toward combating serious crime and violent offenders who put our community at risk. The reduction of graffiti "tags" will help beautify the city, deterring would be criminals from neighborhoods wherein the presence of graffiti often encouraged additional crime and destruction.

The Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office is happy to partner with the Milwaukee Police Department, area schools, and the many businesses and organizations that comprise City of Milwaukee Anti-Graffiti Program. My office and I are committed to investing in urban youth and assisting in this worthy effort.

Sincerely yours,

[Handwritten signature of John Chisholm]

John Chisholm
District Attorney

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