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Kelly Pethke  
Children, Youth & Family Services Administrator  
Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human Services  
10201 W Watertown Plank Road  
Wauwatosa, WI 53226

Dear Ms. Pethke,

On January 26, 2023, the Public Safety and Health Committee is scheduled to hear Common Council Communication File Number 221170 relating to the current case backlog at the Milwaukee Circuit Court. I am respectfully requesting your attendance at this meeting to provide an update on the current number of pending cases, what factors may be contributing to this backlog, and what can be done to reduce this number.

During the 2023 budget hearings, the Milwaukee Police Department indicated there are approximately 10,000 cases pending before the Circuit Court, which ultimately has an impact on public safety in the streets of Milwaukee. For that reason, I believe it is imperative to get clarity on the current number of pending cases and discuss potential solutions.

Please let me know if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Murphy  
Alderman, 10<sup>th</sup> District