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Alderman Michael S. D'Amato
Chairperson
Judiciary & Legislation Committee
Milwaukee Common Council
Room 205, City Hall
200 E. Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Re: Resolution File No. 99-1438
Resolution to Settle Claim of Attorney Steven R. Kohn
for defense of Police Officer Lamont Hodnett

Dear Alderman D'Amato:

On January 31, 2000, the Judiciary & Legislation Committee recommended to the Common Council to adopt Resolution File No. 99-1438. However, the Common Council referred the resolution back to committee. The file concerns the request of Attorney Steven R. Kohn for payment of legal fees in representation of Milwaukee Police Officer Lamont Hodnett, who was criminally charged with first degree reckless injury while armed, regarding an incident which occurred on May 16, 1998. Attorney Kohn successfully defended Officer Hodnett, as the officer was found not guilty by a Milwaukee County jury.

I believe that the file was held in committee pending resolution of Officer Hodnett's employment-related matters, and pending resolution of the civil action brought against Officer Hodnett. I understand that these matters have been resolved. Therefore, it is requested that your honorable committee once again consider this matter. If for some reason the file will not be brought before the committee in the near future, kindly advise this office if there is a further reason for delaying final resolution of Attorney Kohn's claim.

Sincerely,

Michael A.I. Whitcomb

c: Attorney Steven R. Kohn