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Mayor, City of Milwaukee

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Honorable Members of the Common Council
Room 205 City Hall

Dear Council Members:

I have returned Common Council File #161543, a “substitute ordinance relating to parking controls” unsigned. The legislation creates a permanent prohibition on the placement on vendors in vehicle over a stretch of Brady Street and adjacent blocks.

My concern with this legislation is two-fold. One is the total prohibition of vendors, which I believe is overly broad. The second is the introduction of this change on the Council floor, without a public hearing.

Brady Street has long been a vibrant and active corridor in our city, hosting thousands of residents and visitors for dining, festivals, and more. The prohibition of food trucks anywhere in the city is a legitimate public policy debate. We owe affected constituents and businesses on either side of this issue the opportunity to have their opinions heard.

I have reached out to the sponsor of this measure to discuss a compromise. I encourage the Council to take the opportunity to tailor the proposal to address this issue.

Thank you for your consideration.

Tom Barrett
Mayor