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October 17, 2017

Mr. Johnny Woods 1517 West Columbia Street Milwaukee, WI 53206

RE:

C.I. File No. 1048-2017-1228

Communication from Johnny Woods

Dear Mr. Woods:

The City of Milwaukee is in receipt of the claim for damages incurred as a result of a defect in a sidewalk or street at North Teutonia Avenue and West Chambers Street on May 17, 2017.

Wisconsin municipalities have discretionary immunity from liability for any damage that is due to a defect in a sidewalk or street. The City takes any report of defective streets or sidewalks seriously and upon notice of any defect, the Department of Public Works sends a crew to investigate and/or patch, repair or barricade the hazard. Under discretionary immunity, the City is generally not liable for damages.

City records indicated that prior to May 17, 2017 the City had no notice of this hazard in the roadway. Because of this lack of notice, and the City's discretionary immunity, the City is not liable for your damages.

If you wish to appeal this decision, you may do so by sending a written statement requesting a hearing within 21 days of the postmarked date of this letter to the Milwaukee City Clerk, 200 East Wells Street, Room 205, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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