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**Subject: DRW Comment for Plastic Straw bill**

Dear Alderman Johnson:

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me about DRW's concerns on the proposal banning plastic straws in Milwaukee. As I indicated in our conversation, while DRW will not be taking a position on the measure we hope that any measure adopted would take into account the specific needs and concerns of people with disabilities. For many people with disabilities plastic straws are not a convenience but rather a tool that helps them to participate in the community. Completely banning straws or requiring someone to disclose their disability when requesting one will lead to increased stigmatization of disabled individuals. Having straws available for any customer, upon request, would be one way in which some of these concerns could be addressed.

Thank you for reaching out to DRW.

Bill Crowley