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Alderwoman Marina Dimitrijevic Public Safety and Health Committee Chair 14<sup>th</sup> District Alderwoman Room 205 200 East Wells Street Milwaukee, WI 53202

## Dear Alderwoman Dimitrijevic:

Please accept this letter as a show of the Milwaukee Fire Department's support for the re-confirmation of Kyle Mirehouse, Director of Emergency Management & Communications. In his short tenure as the City's Emergency Manager Kyle has done an excellent job. He serves the very necessary role as the liaison and primary point-of-contact for activities related to emergency management in the city; a position that is extremely important and needed as we face our recent and ongoing challenges.

Director Mirehouse has been a great addition to the City as we have faced the COVID pandemic, and the recent civil unrest and protests. Director Mirehouse has worked to strengthen emergency management practices in the city. He has worked with the Milwaukee Police Department, the Milwaukee Fire Department, and the city as a whole, to allow us to better respond to the aforementioned challenges.

From the Milwaukee Fire Department's perspective, Director Mirehouse has quickly become a valued asset. He has worked with us to fortify the use of the National Incident Management System and the Emergency Operations Center during our recent emergencies, and has been invaluable as we prepare for the upcoming DNC. Director Mirehouse has brought extensive emergency management expertise to the City at an extremely critical time in its history.

We strongly encourage your support for Director Kyle Mirehouse's re-confirmation to the position of Director of Emergency Management and Communications.

Sincerely,

MARK ROHLFING

Chief

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cc: Director of Emergency Management and Communications Kyle Mirehouse

