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The Honorable, Members of the Board and Fire and Police Commissioners

Honorable Members,

We watched with great concern the proceedings of your honorable body last week. The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners in the City of Milwaukee is acknowledged as one of the most powerful in the country. It was given that authority to protect the Police and Fire Departments from undue political influence and to guard the citizens of this community from abuse at the hands of those sworn to serve them.

Given the former concern, we know we cannot direct you whom to select as the next chief of police. We are not recommending a list of candidates or that one candidate be included in or excluded from your consideration. We must insist, however, that whatever process you choose is made public and, once made public, adhered to. A lack of transparency and even-handedness risks tainting the process for selecting a chief who will have the already daunting task of uniting a community deeply divided over the proper role of the Milwaukee Police Department.

This moment needs you and your service more than ever. We ask that you rise to its obligations.

Respectfully,

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