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To the members of the Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission:

I am writing to support the appointment of Acting Fire Chief Aaron Lipski to the position of Milwaukee Fire Chief for a full four-year term.

Acting Chief Lipski has developed a longstanding and effective relationship with Community Advocates through his participation in our tobacco and substance use prevention projects and is always willing to take part in, or lead, initiatives that promote the health and safety of all Milwaukeeans. Lipski is Chair of the Milwaukee County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition (MCSAP), which encourages the development of safe communities and families that are free of the harm of substance misuse and abuse.

He also is a very vocal and visible advocate for smoke-free residential and public spaces to promote the health of residents and Milwaukee firefighters. He is especially concerned about reaching out to and including diverse community members who have been historically underserved by government agencies to ensure that all city residents, no matter who they are or where they live, are protected from harm.

Located right across the street from Community Advocates, he and his team are great neighbors. They've assisted us with questions about capacity, volunteered to assess our fire escape planning and have even participated in a discussion around a 'getting to know your neighbors' event this summer.

The Milwaukee Fire Department would benefit from Lipski's leadership for four years.

Sincerely,

Andi Elliott

CEO, Community Advocates

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