



Board, Milwaukee Fire and Police Commissioners

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To the members of the Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Milwaukee Tobacco-Free Alliance 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 been a vocal and visible advocate for smoke-free initiatives in Milwaukee to promote the lung health of residents and firefighters and public safety of all. He regularly attends our meetings and is always willing to promote the adoption of smoke-free spaces and lifestyles among the general public to protect health and safety. In 2016, he was the only fire service representative to attend the White House Convening on HUD's Proposed Rule on Smoke-Free Housing, which has been enacted. He also supports Wisconsin's Indoor Smoke-Free Indoor Air Law, which has dramatically reduced the amount of second-hand smoke indoors, enhances public safety, and likely contributes to the falling rates of smoking among adults and youth in Wisconsin.

I am supporting Acting Chief Lipski's appointment to Milwaukee Fire Chief to ensure that Milwaukee residents' health and safety is in good hands.

Sincerely,

Charlie Leonard

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