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Good afternoon. I understand that Acting Fire Chief Aaron Lipski is under consideration by the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners as the next Chief of the Milwaukee Fire Department. I am the Executive Director of the Legal Aid Society, a 105 year old Milwaukee public interest law firm that provides free civil legal services to qualifying Milwaukee County residents. Our mission and our passion is equal justice for all and ensuring that the legal system works for everyone - not just those of means. Legal Aid is located directly across the street from the downtown Fire Station where Acting Chief Lipski is stationed. We have come to know each other over the last 3 years and our offices share a collegial relationship. That includes a communal luncheon where we sat down and broke bread and consultation on sporadic issues involving record inquiries. In all of my dealings with Acting Chief Lipski, he has been a consummate professional - prompt, courteous, compassionate. He also has a healthy sense of humor, an essential quality for anyone in a position of power. I fully endorse him for appointment to the Chief role. Thank you. Colleen Foley