



July 20, 2021

Milwaukee Common Council
City Hall Room 205
200 E Wells St
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Honorable Members of the Milwaukee Common Council:

The Wisconsin LGBT Chamber urges the Common Council to adopt Council File Number 210547, Mayor Barrett's first allocation of American Rescue Plan funding. The Stronger Summer Plan provides over \$93 million in much needed funding for a range of critical programs as a first phase in the Mayor's Recovery and Resilience Plan. These resources will help Milwaukee continue to bounce back through the summer and into fall.

The Stronger Summer proposal is a solid first step toward a more resilient city. We are supportive of the plan because it is centered on racial equity and inclusion, and takes truly intentional first steps to address the unequal impact of COVID-19 on Milwaukee residents.

In particular, this plan provides funding to help Milwaukee's small businesses and diverse entrepreneurs weather what we all hope are the final days of the pandemic. It also makes important investments to increase employment and wages for Milwaukee workers through training and career pathways. This is vital work to ensuring Milwaukee bounces back.

Your support of the Stronger Summer plan will help Milwaukee emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic stronger and more equitable. We urge you to adopt the plan when it is before the Council this month. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jason". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial 'J' and a long, horizontal tail.

Jason Rae (he/him)
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Wisconsin LGBT Chamber of Commerce