



## CITY OF MILWAUKEE

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October 25, 2019

The Honorable,  
Governor Tony Evers  
115 E. Capitol  
Madison, WI 53702

Governor Evers:

Three children, none older than ten, were crossing the street with the light and inside the crosswalk last night when they were struck by a reckless driver. One of them, a six-year-old girl, has died of her injuries. We are stricken with grief. We are angry. And we despair of ever understanding how someone could be so callous and uncaring as to act as this driver did. We also know, however, the limitations of our local resources to provide the traffic enforcement that is so clearly needed. These are not the first injuries inflicted by reckless drivers this year nor even the first death. We are asking for help.

The state patrol has done what it could in recent months to increase the law enforcement presence on Milwaukee streets in the interest of curbing all forms of reckless driving. As we have many weeks before the weather turns cold, we must ask for more.

We would also ask you, governor, to identify whatever resources you can that might be given to the Milwaukee Police Department, earmarked for traffic enforcement. Programs, educational initiatives, and advertising are all fine things – we have sponsored several. But until those driving in Milwaukee are compelled to obey laws we seem now to take for granted, we fear more will be injured and worse.

We would also observe that the City-County Carjacking and Reckless Driving Taskforce has been convening on this issue since April and has recently approved draft recommendations to be finalized pending community meetings (attached). This taskforce has brought together the Milwaukee Police Department, the Sheriff's office, the District Attorney's office, members of the public, government officials, and community-based organizations to change behavior from a three-pronged approach:

engineering solutions, accountability and enforcement, and prevention and education. With this comprehensive approach to reckless driving, government departments and resources will better equipped to coordinate a comprehensive approach to changing behavior, with the understanding that enforcement is one facet of this complex issue.

Thank you for your consideration and, should you have any questions of us, please do not hesitate to contact our offices.

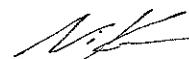
Respectfully,



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Alderman, 1<sup>st</sup> District



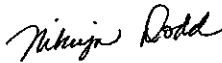
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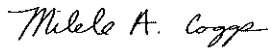
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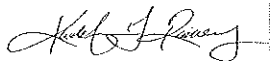
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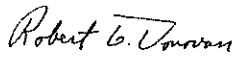
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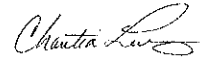
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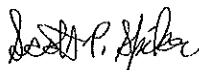
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All Members of the Milwaukee Delegation to the Legislature  
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