Dear Milwaukee Residents and Business Owners,

Your safety and security, and the security of all convention participants, will always be our top priority in planning the 2020 Democratic National Convention.

We chose Milwaukee as the host city for our convention because of its hardworking people, vibrant business community, rich culture, and extraordinary history. From July 13-16, tens of thousands of delegates, volunteers, and members of the media from across the country will arrive here in Milwaukee to nominate the democratic candidate for president of the United States. While they're here, we'll be encouraging them to experience everything Milwaukee has to offer, and we estimate that they'll bring $200 million in economic activity to the region.

As with every high-profile political event, there will be significant security considerations to tackle. That’s why the Democratic National Convention team has already been hard at work with the Milwaukee Police Department, city and state officials, and the United States Secret Service to ensure a safe and successful convention with minimal disruptions to your daily life.

As plans continue to take shape, we will always be as fair and accommodating to you as we are to our convention attendees. And in the interest of transparency and openness, we want to communicate with you about preliminary security plans earlier than we have for any past convention.

What to expect: We’re in the early planning stages, but federal and local law enforcement agencies have indicated that your area will likely experience some enhanced security measures during the week of the Democratic National Convention which will run from July 13-16.

1. **The city will remain open during convention week.** No business will be asked to close, and downtown Milwaukee will remain open to residents and visitors alike. Additional information about the security measures you can expect to see in your area—and how best to plan for them—will be provided in the coming months.

2. **We will keep you informed.** Answers to frequently asked questions are available on our website at www.demconvention.com. Questions about security plans can also be emailed to the Milwaukee Police Department at DNCMPD@milwaukee.gov.

3. **We are here for you!** Our convention team will host community conversations regularly prior to the convention to offer updates, let you know what to expect during convention week, and take your questions. Our first events are scheduled for February 25, 26 and 27. Visit demconvention.com to learn more.

4. **You can help us keep Milwaukee safe.** Call 1-877-WIWATCH if you witness any suspicious behaviors or activities. In the case of an emergency, please call 911.

We’re deeply grateful to you—and everyone in Milwaukee—for your hospitality as we prepare for the big event this summer. Thank you!

Sincerely,

*The 2020 Democratic National Convention Team*