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Mr. Jim Doyle
Governor, State of Wisconsin
115 East State Capitol
P.O. Box 7863
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Dear Governor Doyle,

The Opportunities Industrialization Center of Greater Milwaukee, Inc. (OIC-GM), has a longstanding commitment to the Milwaukee community. The organization's primary mission of "self-help" has provided the foundation for OIC-GM to ensure that it provided real and relevant quality services and products over its 37 years of serving the community.

The current contract year of 2004, has proven to be a difficult and challenging time for OIC-GM in its quest for administering the Wisconsin Works (W-2) program, with the initial identified benefit deficit. OIC-GM's W-2 program has made significant progress in addressing the benefit deficit through effective caseload reduction. This has continued to exemplify OIC-GM's ability to meet the needs of the community in a dignified manner.

However, OIC-GM has had to deal with these types of uncontrollable variables from the start of the year. As you may know, the organization has been under constant scrutiny, criticism and attacks by bureaucrats, funding sources and the media. Because of these issues, the Board of Directors of OIC-GM recommends discontinuing its operations in Region 1 and Region 4, effective January 1, 2005.

OIC-GM desires to retain Region 3. We have demonstrated that we can effectively administer the W-2 program in Region 3, with appropriate resources from the State.

Sincerely,

Rev. Fred L. Crouter
OIC-GM Chairman of the Board

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