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THREAT OF EPIC PROPORTIONS AGAINST HEAVY MANUFACTURING

Supervisor Jursik responds to records obtained from State Department of Transportation

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Supervisor Patricia Jursik has announced that the State Department of Transportation (DOT) has responded to her open records request regarding the Hoan Bridge. While reviewing the documents, Supervisor Jursik has noted several assumptions made by the DOT in commissioning a \$225,000 contract with HNTB to study demolition of the Hoan:

“This morning, the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* reported that Wisconsin has become number one in the nation for ‘the highest number of manufacturing jobs per capita.’ Despite that, Frank Busalacchi, the State’s transportation czar, has contracted with HNTB to study redevelopment of the Hoan Bridge/794 corridor, which would decimate about two-thirds of the Port of Milwaukee. This Port provides crucial support to our manufacturing base – not only in Milwaukee but all of Southeastern Wisconsin.”

“While new condominiums, a marina and a “Navy-Pier” like entertainment dock may sound glamorous to some, we should not underestimate the potential loss of two-thirds of our port. Taking action against our heavy manufacturing base would have a wide impact on both commerce and families. This is a threat of epic proportions against economic development in Wisconsin. Let’s instead get on with re-decking the Hoan Bridge, to continue providing seamless ingress and egress for our industrial port and south shore communities.”

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