



MMAC BOARD APPROVES LEGAL ACTION AGAINST SICK LEAVE MANDATE

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(MILWAUKEE) The Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce (MMAC) Board of Directors today authorized a legal challenge to the City of Milwaukee's new ordinance mandating paid sick leave.

"While we respect the good intentions advocates of this ordinance may have, the hard fact is that passage of this one-size fits-all government has already had a chilling effect on business attitudes toward Milwaukee," said MMAC president Tim Sheehy. "If it is allowed to stand we face the prospect of dire economic consequences in our community."

Prior to the election, the MMAC vigorously opposed passage of the referendum creating this new mandate, arguing that its passage would drive jobs out of Milwaukee.

"The MMAC is a founding partner of the Milwaukee 7, and as such we are on the front lines of trying to attract new jobs and development to the metro Milwaukee area," said Sheehy. "This Ordinance sends a strong message that Milwaukee is not open for businesses and is a huge red flag for any company looking to locate business or jobs here."

The MMAC had previously filed a notice of claim with the City of Milwaukee, which highlighted the unlawful aspects of the Ordinance approved by voters. While the voters approved the Ordinance by referendum on November 4th, neither the Common Council nor the Mayor has publicly supported the measure, engaged in fact finding, or otherwise adopted the Ordinance, which is legally flawed.

"The stakes for our economy are too high for us to sit idly by and let this job killing mandate go into effect without a thorough vetting of the serious legal questions that surround it," said Sheehy. "The MMAC Board believes this new ordinance is more than just bad economics, it is bad law and deserves to be overturned."

The MMAC represents 2000 member companies, employing nearly 500,000 workers throughout the metropolitan Milwaukee area.

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