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Proposal to create inner city opportunities deserves a close look

**Statement from Alderman Bob Donovan
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A proposal announced yesterday by Senator Alberta Darling and Rep. Dale Kooyenga entitled “**New Opportunities for Milwaukee**” holds promise and I am appreciative of their work to help improve the quality of life in our city.

Many aspects of their proposal are of merit and deserve serious consideration. Included in “New Opportunities for Milwaukee” materials yesterday are potential education reforms and possible tax incentives for economic development, as well as removing barriers to work through licensing flexibility and easing the ability to operate a business out of a residence.

For years I have reached out to state legislators on several fronts to nurture possible state-city partnerships and packages to help move Milwaukee forward. I am especially grateful to Senator Darling and Representative Kooyenga for their willingness to think outside the box (and to reach out to Milwaukee citizens and neighborhoods) in an effort to improve the lives of individuals and families in our city.

I intend on giving their proposal a full and honest examination, and I hope my colleagues and others are willing to do the same.

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