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## Residents encouraged to share information on electric scooter accidents

### Statement of Alderman Robert J. Bauman November 11, 2019

Jim Stingl, a well-respected and longtime columnist for the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, wrote a recent piece about the serious injuries his adult daughter suffered while riding an electric scooter in Nashville. He stated that this incident has caused him to change his mind about electric scooters after he wrote a piece in the summer of 2018 lauding the scooters and criticizing local elected officials who were concerned about the safety of scooters for pedestrians and riders. He now opposes permitting scooters on Milwaukee streets and sidewalks.

Over the course of this year's scooter pilot program, my office has received reports of injuries to scooter riders ranging from broken legs to broken arms; however, our information is anecdotal since there is no central clearing house for the reporting of these injuries. Accordingly, I am calling on citizens of Milwaukee (and health care providers) to contact our office about scooter related injuries they may be aware of so we can begin to document these incidents.

This is very important since the Common Council will soon be discussing the results of the scooter pilot program and debating the merits of establishing a regulatory system that would permit scooters on a permanent basis. We need as much data as possible to make an informed decision. Scooter related injury data is a huge piece of information we need.

I also encourage citizens to fill out the scooter opinion survey that can be found here:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MKEDocklessScooters> (English)  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MKEDocklessSP> (Spanish)

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