

Finance Committee,

Thank you for taking the time to consider my words and experiences while considering the operator's license of Lacy Minto.

I understand the statutory requirements when considering the operator's licensing for Lacy, and that her prior convictions/arrest records make this a difficult decision. I can assure this committee, the Lacy Minto found guilty of the criminal charges on her arrest record is not the same person who is seated before you today. I've known Lacy for approximately ten years, I've known her in the depths of her addiction and now had the privilege of watching her fight to become the productive and positive member of the community she is.

Lacy will always be an addict and bear that cross. However, the person Lacy Minto is today is one with a strong sense of responsibility, compassion and hope. Lacy is an active member of the recovery community and works to help others who struggle with addiction, just as she once did. Lacy is a wonderful mother to her children, an active member of our community and a pillar of the recovery community. Lacy continues to overcome the odds, as she pushes herself to be the best she can be. This operators license is a piece of that success. Lacy seeks this permit, to continue her success. She has worked a full time job at Aldi and was recently promoted to the role of Assistant Manager. This operator's license is a requirement of that promotion. This license will be a key piece of maintaining the momentum of Lacy's success and I ask this operators license be approved for the betterment of Lacy, her family and the recovery community. Additionally, the approval of this operators license will serve as a clear sign that the City of Manitowoc supports those in recovery and is determined to give those who try to be better the tools to succeed for the betterment of our community as a whole.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Cooper R. Schmidt