I Missed The Mark, But Not This Mission

**Statement from Alderman Lamont Westmoreland**

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Let me be clear: my frustration about the growing litter problem in our city comes from a place of deep love and pride for Milwaukee. This litter is not who we are. WE are better than this. Collectively, we all have a role to play in keeping our city clean and looking its best.

Unfortunately, what I see across our city feels like a situation spiraling out of control. It’s becoming the norm, and I refuse to sit back in silence while that happens. I won’t look the other way, even if others choose to.

If any of my recent words caused offense, I truly apologize. That was never my intention. My comments were not about attacking any group of people, they were about calling out a behavior that is hurting all of us.

Also, let me clarify - the $500 littering citation I referenced has been on the books long before I ever took office. I was simply reminding folks that if you’re caught in the act, you can be fined. That’s the law.

My passion may have spilled over, but it’s because I know Milwaukee can do better, and I’m committed to doing my part to help us get there.

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