## JOHN M. ANTARAMIAN MAYOR



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February 21, 2007

The Honorable Gary Becker Mayor City of Racine City Hall, Rm. 201 730 Washington Avenue Racine WI 53403

Dear Mayor Becker:

Thank you for bringing the two Civil War era cannon barrels that are in the possession of the City of Racine to our attention.

The City of Kenosha and the Kenosha Public Museums would like to request a long-term loan of these two Civil War cannon barrels for the new Civil War Museum. They would be a great asset to the educational exhibits of the Civil War Museum of the Upper Middle West. They would be prominently displayed at the Museum entrance and be credited as being from the City of Racine.

As you know, the new Museum will focus on the Upper Middle West states of Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan and Minnesota's efforts at home and at the front. As such, we expect a large tourist attendance from many states when the Civil War Museum opens March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The cannon barrels will be part of the story told by the Museum.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to working with the City of Racine on this project.

Sincerely,

CITY/OF KENOSHA

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