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To the members of the Board.

My name is John Thomas, and I am a resident of 1426 Rhode Island Ave NW #B, which is among the closest residential dwellings to the primary proposed expansion area for the Hotel Helix renovation. I am in full support of the proposed renovation of the Hotel Helix because it will further modernize and improve our neighborhood. While the construction will have an impact on all of our lives—especially myself and others who share a property line with the Helix—this impact is temporarily and will ultimately result in a more upscale hotel and increased property values, hopefully for decades to come.

While this renovation will have its disruptive aspects, the Hotel Helix has proven an excellent neighbor and I trust them to minimize the nuisances on our daily lives. Indeed, the Helix has reached out to its residential neighbors regarding this project and has already taken our concerns and input seriously. For instance, over the course of several meetings they have increased the amount of green space in the final designs at the request of one neighbor. They also have discussed other concerns with us, such as the need to minimize extra traffic in the back alley, where many of us residents depend on parking access and a quiet environment.

No one enjoys hearing construction near their home, but I firmly believe this temporary renovation project is well worth the long term benefits it will provide as a rebranded, more upscale hotel takes hold in the neighborhood. Further, I am happy this project is being undertaken by the Hotel Helix, since they continue to be respectful business neighbors in our crowded urban neighborhood where businesses and residents must live side-by-side.

Thank you,



John Thomas
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