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W. Retta Gilliam
President/Executive Director
East of the River CDC
3101 Martin luther King, Jr. Ave., SE
Washington, D.C. 20032

Dear Ms. Gilliam:

As the elected representative to the Council of the District of Columbia, Ward Eight, I write to confirm my support of your application for a variance to build commercial space on Raleigh Street, SE. I am aware of your communication and work with the Neighborhood Association in addressing their concerns and also their endorsement of this project.

As a commercial property, I understand that the building will house ERCDC and its various programs including an incubator and training center for small businesses in the area. As a practical matter, I know that you have outgrown your present facilities, and the new building will certainly prove a magnet that will attract and encourage neighborhood improvements and is consistent with the city's comprehensive plan for the area.

I look forward to hearing of the success of your efforts. Please keep me informed.

Sincerely,

Sandra C. "Sandy" Allen
Councilmember, Ward Eight

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