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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Dear Ms. Kress:

I am a participant at the Model Cities Senior Wellness Center, located at 1901 Evarts Street, NE, and I am writing in support of the proposed renovations at the Center.

As an independent senior, I drive to Model Cities and cannot wait for the ten (10) additional parking spaces to be paved and lined!

Thank you for this opportunity to share my views with you.

Sincerely,

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I attended a meeting recently where all of us learned about the architect's plans for remodeling our senior center and wanted to write a letter of support for the proposed projects. We have a proud history of being the first senior center in the District of Columbia having been founded many years ago.

The larger fitness room and reception area will be much needed additions, as will the additional commode that is being contemplated. My friends who drive are really looking forward to the ten (10) more parking spaces.

I loved our outdoor patio, but the plans to enclose it will provide much needed additional program space.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my views.

Sincerely,

Bernetta P. Richardson

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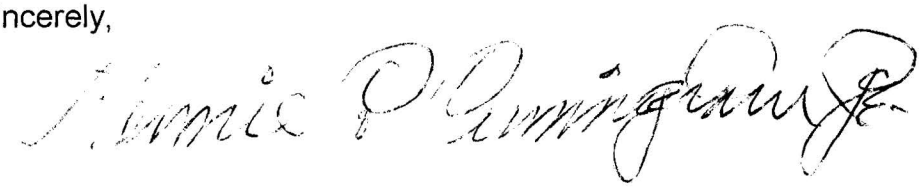
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Imogene J Belmore

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Dear Ms. Kress:

As a participant of the Model Cities Senior Wellness Center, 1901 Evarts Street, NE, I am writing to you in support of the proposed expanded waiting room

I love coming to my senior center several days a week, but since I can not drive myself there, I rely on the kindness of others for transportation. This means I need to sit in the front area, near the window, so I do not miss my ride home. Right now there are seats for most of us, but I know I speak for all of us, that we will gratefully accepted an even more comfortable and spacious lobby area.

From what I heard at the meeting, Ms. Darlene, our receptionist and administrative assistant, will also have a new area to call her home away from home. That sounds so nice.

Thank you for this opportunity to share my enthusiasm and support.

Sincerely, Edith Moss

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Whenever possible I take part in aerobics, line dancing, and stretch-and-tone classes at my senior center. The recent meeting to discuss the modifications was highly informative and exciting to those of us who spend many hours remaining active and staying physically fit.

I look forward to an even more spacious fitness area, that I understand will also provide more storage and office space.

Thank you for investing in our Center and in the seniors of Wards 2 and 5 who take part in the programs of Model Cities Senior Wellness Center.

Sincerely,

George S. Ware

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