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Mr. Brook B. Katzen
Vice President of Development
Urban Investment Partners
140 Q Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Mr. Katzen:

We are writing as a follow-up to our July 14, 2016 meeting regarding the Planned Unit Development process in the Tenleytown neighborhood of Northwest Washington, D.C. As a part of proposed development plans for a new apartment building, Urban Investment Partners, LLC has requested to work with the National Park Service (NPS) and the local community to rehabilitate, for future adaptive reuse, the building located at 4023 Chesapeake Street, NW.

Built in 1937, the building was owned by the Mattingly family until it was sold to the United States government in 1950 as part of the effort to develop Fort Reno Park. The building has not been used since the late 1990s.

In 2011, the building was determined eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places as part of the *Tenleytown in Washington, DC: Architectural and Historic Resources, 1791-1941 Multiple Property Nomination* under Criteria A and C. As such, this building is subject to the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Historic Buildings.

We support, in principle, the rehabilitation of the building for adaptive reuse. Treatment calls for retaining the building's historic envelope and character-defining features with upgrades to lighting and landscape. Work to the interior of the building should also retain character-defining features. Rehabilitation should focus on stabilization and improved functionality of the interior shell (i.e. climate control, lighting and access) until such a time as the building's formal use is determined.

Please coordinate efforts through Rock Creek Park Cultural Resource Program Manager Joshua M. Torres (joshua_torres@nps.gov).

We appreciate your efforts to promote historic preservation in the Tenleytown community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tara D. Morrison". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tara D. Morrison
Superintendent

cc: Joshua Torres

bcc: Doug Jacobs
Nick Bartolomeo
Frank Young



TENLEYTOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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21 July 2016

Brook Katzen
UIP Partners

Dear Brook,

We are writing in support of UIP's inclusion of \$250,000 for the restoration of Chesapeake House in Tenleytown as an amenity of your PUD for 4620-4626 Wisconsin Avenue, NW.

For close to a decade Tenleytown Historical Society has been concerned about the physical condition of the property which has been deemed eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The proposed amenity would go a long way toward assessing and stabilizing the building and restoring the exterior to its original appearance.

We believe the community would whole-heartedly support this amenity as there have been frequent inquiries about the building's condition and possibilities for its use.

We very much appreciate UIP's recognition of the importance of this building to the community's history and its willingness to provide restoration funds.

Sincerely,

Jane Waldmann
President
For the Board of Directors