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The Washington Business Group
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Dear Mr. Sharma:

I am writing this letter to provide support to the Washington Business Group's – Wheeler Renaissance 100% Affordable Mixed Use Housing Project to be located in the Congress Heights section of Ward 8 Washington DC.

This project affords a great opportunity for the residents Ward 8, not only in expanding the number of available family sized affordable housing units, but in offering opportunities for jobs, job training, new businesses and the betterment of a long standing Ward 8 community.

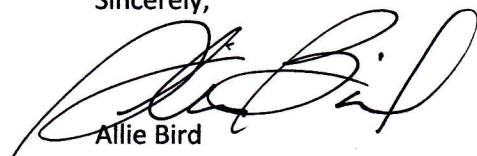
We are greatly appreciative of the Washington Business Group's future vision for Ward 8, and the fact that the Wheeler Renaissance Project is no longer a dream, but instead a reality whose time come for the residents of Congress Heights. The project provides the catalyst and sets the bar high for future developers and developments through making the entire 85 units (30 – 1 bedroom / 35 – 2 bedrooms and 20 3 bedroom unit) 100% affordable with over 50% of the units to accommodate larger families and people with disabilities.

We welcome the opportunity to partner with the Washington Business Group and use the associated project benefits including free access to wi-fi, a business center and conference room for job training, resume workshops, professional practice sessions on site; and a venue for our team to promote, elevate and help the upward mobility of the residents of Ward 8 – Congress Heights.

We look forward to aiding the Washington Business Group and your sub-contractors in providing help in finding qualified, trained Ward 8 residents to fill job opportunities during construction, and for the future businesses owners at the Wheeler Renaissance.

In closing, this project would be a very valuable asset for future re-development in Ward 8 Congress Heights, and we greatly anticipate the project to start delivering the forward vision of the future.

Sincerely,



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