



March 24, 2011

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Dear Ms. Moore,

The Board of Directors of the Midtown Community Benefits District recognizes the promise and potential of the planned State Center redevelopment for the future of the City of Baltimore. At the board meeting of March 2, 2011 the Midtown board voted to express its support for this project. Representing four of the neighboring communities, Midtown sees the State center plans as the key project to knit together the center of Baltimore, removing physical and architectural barriers that have caused division and dysfunction.

We recognize the benefits to our own neighborhoods of Bolton Hill, Charles North, Madison Park and Mount Vernon-Belvedere, to the City of Baltimore and the State of Maryland. We look forward to the radiating effects of redevelopment that this project can foster. Obviously the return of all this property to tax rolls will help the city and our district. The potential to create a new vibrant area, with office space, mixed-income residences, retail, parking and public space is a rare opportunity.

We deeply appreciate the years of planning, and the inclusive process that led to the design for State Center. As we participated in many meeting in the process, we not only were able to contribute our ideas and share our concerns, but we built connections to the communities and leaders beyond our boundaries.

You may count on the Midtown Community Benefits District to support and encourage your work!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Peter M. Merles'.

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