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July 5th, 2020

Dear Historic District Commission,

As the owners and occupants of 1424 Iroquois, we are so happy to share our enthusiastic support for the improvement/construction project anticipated at 1411 Iroquois.

Having worked at the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation during the summers in between my years of law school, I (Kyle) have long loved the care and craftsmanship that contributes to the preservation of buildings and spaces. Our hope to aid the preservation of Detroit's history was a tremendous part of the reason we purchased our own home in 2015! My time at the ACHP taught me that details matter, that context matters, and that planning and attention to the past are critical as we care for aging structures. It has, therefore, brought us such joy to watch our beloved and thoughtful neighbors, Kevin & Gretchen Steen, purchase and care for their home at 1411 Iroquois. We respect and appreciate their commitment to their historic home and to the safety and structural integrity of the home - which is driving the project at issue. We are so impressed by the thought and diligence with which the Steens are approaching their project and are so excited to see it when complete.

We believe the building, home, and neighborhood will be improved should this project materialize.

Should the Commission have any questions about this note, we would, of course, be happy to discuss this further anytime.

Most sincerely,
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