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TO: City of Detroit Historic District Commission
C/O: McIntosh Poris Associates
RE: 119 Garfield Street Project
DATE: JULY 13, 2021

Dear Commissioners,

I write you today to express my support for 119 Garfield Street, on your July 14 2021 agenda as a previously approved project for which a couple of revisions are being proposed. As I understand it, the revisions are relatively minor and actually include an increase of access to flexible landscaped open space for the use of future building tenants as well as neighbors and visitors to the area. These kinds of environments are the places where neighbors can safely and in authentic ways share space with each other, and hopefully have the opportunity to build relationships that might not otherwise be possible. I work with mission-based organizations throughout the City of Detroit to help them achieve the kinds of beautiful and uplifting physical environments that those they serve deserve to have access to, and have seen firsthand that there are not enough of these kinds of spaces in many neighborhoods – this particular neighborhood is no exception. Further, this particular neighborhood’s cultural heritage makes it a place where affordable housing for a wide range of people must be preserved and grown. Had it not been an accessible place for so many different people to live, surely that heritage would not be what it is, and history shows us that so much culture will be lost if affordable and accessible options are not maintained.

Thank you,

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