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Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers, President  
Michael B Smart, City Clerk  
Board of Alders of the City of New Haven  
165 Church Street  
New Haven, CT 06510

RE:

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO TITLE IV OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN'S CODE OF ORDINANCES (THE FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE) TO CORRECT AN ERROR IN THE DEFINITION OF SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT AND UPDATE PROVISIONS FOR ABOVE-GROUND TANKS, FILL, AND DRY FLOOD PROOFING FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES TO ALIGN WITH THE UNIFORM BUILDING CODE FOR THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Dear President Walker-Myers:

On March 4, 1991, the Board of Alders of the City of New Haven adopted the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances to provide regulatory oversight to reduce hazards in flood prone areas. The City Plan Department presented a significant overhaul of this Ordinance that was adopted by the Board of Alders on September 5, 2023. This revision was to comply with the updated State of Connecticut Building Code and make changes to anticipate future sea level rise, including requiring that all building in the special flood hazard area occur at two-feet above base flood elevation. An additional minor amendment to this Ordinance was enacted on December 4, 2023 to allow manufacturing uses that do not include hazardous materials.

The attached revisions represent further items that were discovered to be out of alignment with the 2022 Connecticut Building Code standards. These revisions support the City's goals for revitalization of industrial structures within the special flood hazard area. This amendment will further promote public health, safety, and general welfare and to minimize public and private losses due to flood conditions.

Thank you for your consideration. Should any questions, comments or concerns arise, please contact me.

Respectfully,

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Executive Director, City Plan Department