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The Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers, President, Board of Alders
City of New Haven
165 Church Street
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RE: RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PURSUANT TO THE URBAN ACTION GRANT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000,000 FOR PLANNING AND REDEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE PURPOSES WITH RESPECT TO THE MILL RIVER DISTRICT

Dear Honorable President Walker-Myers:

Thank you for your ongoing support of economic and community development initiatives citywide. With this Communication, the City of New Haven (the "City") is looking to advance the revitalization of the Mill River District in part through planning and redevelopment activities and in part through investments in public infrastructure. The Mill River District comprises over 200 acres of land along both banks of the Mill River. About 3,000 jobs in sectors such as food processing and distribution, design and construction support, precision manufacturing, and other diverse commercial ventures are encompassed within the Mill River District.

Recognizing the passage of time since the adoption of the Mill River Planning Study in 2014, the City hosted a community meeting in April which served as a launch point for future investments not only in economic development but also affordable housing, retail/amenity and coastal resilience. With Urban Act support, the City would have the ability to move forward as opportunities arise either through further investments in the Mill River Trail, acquisition of dormant or underutilized property or providing support for affordable housing and mixed-income developments which would add vibrancy to the area. As with many other Urban Act awards, the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development will administer the grant, and the City is grateful for their support of this project.

I look forward to discussing potential opportunities for the Mill River District in more detail at the committee hearing. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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