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Board of Alders
City of New Haven
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To the Honorable Members of the Legislative Committee and Community Development Committee:

I serve as the chair of the West River Neighborhood Services Corporation and the West River Neighborhood Revitalization Zone committee, and am a resident of the West River neighborhood for over 30 years. On behalf of the West River Neighborhood Services Corporation I humbly submit my testimony in support of Yale New Haven Hospital's proposed project to build the new, state of the art Neurosciences Center and supporting parking facilities at their Saint Raphael's Campus.

We support this project and look forward to the estimated \$1 billion in positive economic impact that it will have in the State of Connecticut, including the creation of jobs in both the healthcare and construction sectors, and in supporting local businesses, especially in the Dwight and West River neighborhoods. We look forward to the boon to businesses located in our neighborhood, as well as the potential for new business development that will surely come in support of the growth at Yale New Haven Hospital.

I am personally appreciative of Yale New Haven's inclusive process in reaching out to neighborhood organizations over the last year. We have been kept informed about all facets of the development of the new center, including the construction timeline, long-term effects, and even potential traffic disruptions. And we have taken advantage of the opportunity to provide feedback and input to the leadership team at Yale New Haven about our concerns and feel that they have addressed them to the best of their ability.

The new Neurosciences Center at Yale New Haven will bring lasting benefits to the West River Neighborhood and to all of New Haven, and I urge you all to approve this project so that we all can experience the benefits thereof.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Virginia T. Spell'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Virginia' being more prominent than the last name 'Spell'.

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