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Detroit City Council
2 Woodward Avenue
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RE: SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED WATER SQUARE HOTEL DEVELOPMENT

Dear Honorable City Council Members:

IBEW Local 58 would like to express its support for the Hotel at Water Square located at 600 Civic Center Drive. The local represents thousands of active and retired members who work in Southeast Michigan's Electrical Construction Industry. Our workforce development initiatives look to leverage the demand for skilled trades craftworkers into opportunities for residents in the City of Detroit.

We are supportive of the Hotel at Water Square, which would build a world-class hotel connected to Detroit's convention center and add much-needed meeting spaces, restaurants, and recreational areas to support our downtown events and draw visitors to our city.

The development team has committed to local jobs for local workers by ensuring Union trades involvement on the construction of the hotel at Water Square. We believe this dedication will positively impact residents and businesses downtown.

The infusion of 396.5 million dollars in private investment and construction of 600 hotel rooms directly connected to Huntington Place will unlock Detroit's capacity to host more high impact events and conventions, bringing more visitors to our city and improving Detroit's ability to host world class events.

The Sterling Group has successfully worked with us before and we are excited at the chance to produce for them again. IBEW Local 58 is in support of the project and understands both the need and request for tax abatements to ensure that the project is constructed successfully.

Sincerely,

Paul VanOss, Business Manager / Financial Secretary
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 58

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