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Detroit City Council
2 Woodward Ave, Suite 1340
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Re: Support for the Proposed Water Square Hotel Development

Dear Honorable City Councilmembers:

The Michigan Building and Construction Trades Council expresses its support for the Hotel at Water Square located at 600 Civic Center Drive. Our council represents the tradespeople who would build the hotel, and they stand to work thousands of hours to complete the project. Working on such projects allows our members to put food on their table, pay their taxes and put money back into the community at stores and restaurants.

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 hotel's 600 top-of-the-line rooms will supply desperately needed capacity to downtown Detroit, and once completed, will contribute 2.6 billion dollars in new visitor spending to Detroit's economy.

The infusion of 396.5-million dollars in private investment and the 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.

I am confident that this team will build a first-rate project and will provide a high-quality operations team once it is complete. Our council is in support of the project and understands both the need for tax abatements to ensure that the project is constructed successfully.

Sincerely,

Patrick Devlin
Secretary-Treasurer

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