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Mr. Ed McGuire
Boston Redevelopment Authority
Boston City Hall, 9th Floor
One City Hall Square
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Dear Mr. McGuire,

I am writing in support both of the first phases of the Government Center Garage redevelopment project that was recently updated and unveiled publicly by Tom O'Brien and The HYM Investment Group ("HYM"). These first two phases – first a 45-story residential tower, followed by a 43-story office tower – also includes the removal of the majority of the existing garage, which has long been an eyesore and visual barrier.

The residents of the City of Boston, particularly the neighborhoods immediately adjacent to Government Center, will benefit from the economic development, community development and career opportunities this project will bring to Boston.

As Business Manager of the Roofers & Waterproofers Union Local No. 33 of the Metropolitan District, I am pleased to know that these two initial phases will create approximately 1,400 union construction jobs, over 4,000 permanent jobs, and provide several millions of dollars in tax revenue for the City of Boston. Furthermore, HYM's first two phases are critical in beginning to create a sense of place, and a vibrancy that has not existed in the Government Center area for a very long time.

I am confident that the hard-working men and women of the various trades are capable and excited to deliver these two phases as they continue to work towards a larger goal of building a more attractive, stronger, and safer city of Boston.

HYM and the project team has considered all major impacts of the development, and has demonstrated a willingness to engage with community members and other key stakeholders to discuss all topics of the project. They have also assembled a team to make this complicated project feasible, and, with the use of 100% Union labor, one that will be built in a safe manner. I look forward to these first two phases being approved by the BRA, and to seeing the garage replaced by something that will further benefit and beautify the City of Boston.

Thank you,

Paul Bickford

Business Manager/Financial-Treasurer