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TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: David Whitaker, Director   
Legislative Policy Division Staff

DATE: July 7, 2021

RE: Detroit Food Commons Brownfield Redevelopment Plan PA 381 of 1996  
**PUBLIC HEARING**

The Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act 381 of 1996 provides tax incentives (i.e. tax increment financing) to develop brownfields properties in an area at or on which there has been a release (or threat of release) or disposal of a hazardous substance.

**Detroit Food Commons Brownfield Redevelopment Plan**

Detroit Food Commons Associates, LLC, is the project developer. The property in the plan consists of consists of 10 parcels and approximately 1.42 acres of land. The property is currently developed with one single-family residential home (100 East Euclid Street) and undeveloped parcels. The new development will house the Detroit Food Commons (“DFC”), a 25,000 sq. ft., two-story, community-owned store selling healthy, locally sourced foods, a 50- seat neighborhood café featuring menu items crafted from local producers, a fully licensed kitchen with 4 stations to incubate local food enterprises, 15 outdoor vendor booths offering locally grown and locally made items and expanded office space.

The space plan for DFC includes 15,000 sq. ft. of cooperatively owned grocery store and cafe space, 3,000 sq. ft. of office space, 3,900 sf of banquet hall, community event space as well as 3,800 sq. ft. of incubator kitchen space. The DFC will be the only black-led, community-owned grocery store in the Midwest, while connecting economic opportunities for local growers and farmers in the supply chain. This investment will provide a platform and space to local food entrepreneurs who are interested in starting or growing their businesses, ultimately adding to the entrepreneurial ecosystem led by the Eastern Market. The DFC will serve as one of the first transit-oriented development projects in the area.

Due Care Activities, demolition, site preparation, and infrastructure activities will begin in summer 2021 and the project’s eligible activities will be completed within 18 months. The developer anticipates that the DFC will be operational by late 2022. The redevelopment will revive this vacant property, remove blight and create commercial and retail attractions in the area. The completed project is also expected to create an estimated 83 temporary construction jobs and 45 new full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs.

The developer is requesting a **\$1,178,819** TIF<sup>1</sup> reimbursement, with the overall value of the plan estimated at **\$2,467,741**, which includes local brownfield costs.<sup>2</sup> The developer is also seeking the approval of a Commercial Rehabilitation Act (PA 210) Tax Abatement. The estimated capital investment for this project is approximately **\$19.5 million**.

**Description of the Eligible Property & Legal Description**

The property comprising the eligible property consists of 10 parcels and approximately 1.42 acres.

Address	Tax ID	Basis of Brownfield Eligibility	Owner
8324 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48202	1004322	Facility / Blighted	City of Detroit P&DD, Care of DBA
50 E Euclid Street, Detroit, MI 48202	1002535	Facility / Blighted	Detroit Land Bank
60 E Euclid Street, Detroit, MI 48202	1002534	Adjacent and Contiguous to 50 E Euclid Street	Detroit Black Community Food Security Network
66 E Euclid Street, Detroit, MI 48202	1002533	Adjacent and Contiguous to 72 E Euclid Street	Detroit Black Community Food Security Network
72 E Euclid Street, Detroit, MI 48202	1002532	Blighted	Detroit Land Bank
78 E Euclid Street, Detroit, MI 48202	1002531	Blighted	Detroit Land Bank
82 E Euclid Street, Detroit, MI 48202	1002530	Blighted	City of Detroit P&DD, Care of DBA
90 E Euclid Street, Detroit, MI 48202	1002529	Blighted	Detroit Land Bank
96 E Euclid Street, Detroit, MI 48202	1002528	Blighted	Detroit Land Bank
100 E Euclid Street, Detroit, MI 48202	1002527	Blighted	Detroit Land Bank

**Basis of Eligibility**

The Property is considered “eligible property” as defined by Act 381, Section 2 because (a) the Property was previously utilized for a commercial and or residential purpose; (b) it is located within the City of Detroit, a qualified local governmental unit under Act 381; (c) the parcels comprising the Property are determined to be: (i) a “facility” as defined by Part 201 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Michigan PA 451, 1994, as amended (“NREPA”), (ii) blighted, as defined by Act 381, and/or (iii) adjacent and contiguous to property

<sup>1</sup> Tax Increment Financing (TIF) subsidizes an entity by refunding or diverting a portion of their taxes to help finance development in an area or on a project site.

<sup>2</sup> The duration of the TIF plan is 19 years.

that is a “facility” and or blighted, the development of which is estimated to increase the taxable value of such parcels.

Tax increments are projected to be captured and applied to (i) reimbursement of eligible activity costs and payment of DBRA administrative and operating expenses, (ii) make deposits into the State Brownfield Redevelopment Fund, and (iii) make deposits into the DBRA’s Local Brownfield Revolving Fund, as follows:

**COSTS TO BE REIMBURSED WITH TIF<sup>3</sup>**

1. Pre-Development Activities	\$38,610.00
2. Due Care Activities	\$287,500.00
3. Demolition	\$142,500.00
4. Site Preparation	\$234,675.00
5. Infrastructure Improvements	\$220,500.00
6. Brownfield Plan & Work Plan	\$58,000.00
7. Contingency (15%)	\$129,776.00
8. Interest	\$67,258.00
<b>Total Reimbursement to Developer</b>	<b>\$1,178,819.00</b>
9. Authority Administrative Costs	\$385,161.00
10. State Brownfield Redevelopment Fund	\$171,510.00
11. Local Brownfield Revolving Fund	\$732,251.00
<b>TOTAL Estimated Costs</b>	<b>\$2,467,741.00</b>

	Millage Rate	Developer Reimbursement	BRA Admin	State Revolving Fund	LBRF	Totals by Tax Juris.
<u>School Capture</u>						
State Education Tax (SET)	6.0000	\$206,396		\$171,510	\$73,945	\$451,850
School Operating Tax	18.0000	\$619,187			\$221,834	\$841,021
<u>Local Capture</u>						
City Operating	19.9520	\$170,565	\$185,980		\$210,757	\$567,301
Library	4.6307	\$39,587	\$43,164		\$48,915	\$131,666
Wayne County	6.6380	\$56,747	\$61,875		\$70,118	\$188,740
WB Resa ENH	2.0000	\$17,098	\$18,643		\$21,126	\$56,867
Wayne Jails	0.9381	\$8,020	\$8,744		\$9,909	\$26,673
Wayne Parks	0.2459	\$2,102	\$2,292		\$2,597	\$6,992
Wayne HCMA	0.2104	\$1,799	\$1,961		\$2,222	\$5,982
Wayne Resa	0.0965	\$825	\$900		\$1,019	\$2,744
Wayne Resa Sp Ed	3.3678	\$28,790	\$31,393		\$35,575	\$95,758
Wayne Comm College	3.2408	\$27,705	\$30,209		\$34,233	\$92,147
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$1,178,819</b>	<b>\$385,161</b>	<b>\$171,510</b>	<b>\$732,251</b>	<b>\$2,467,741</b>

In addition, the following taxes are projected to be generated but shall not be captured during the life of this Plan:

City Debt	\$1,621
School Debt	\$2,342
Wayne Zoo	\$18
Wayne DIA	\$36
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,018</b>

**Feasibility of the Brownfield Approval**

The “eligible activities” that are intended to be carried out at the Property are considered “eligible activities” as defined by Section 2 of Act 381, because they include department specific activities, due care activities, demolition, site preparation, infrastructure improvements, interest

<sup>3</sup> A maximum fifteen percent (15%) contingency for unforeseen circumstances and cost overruns may be added to the estimated cost of the proposed activities. The contingency should not be calculated on the costs for Brownfield Plan, Work Plan preparation or implementation, or for activities conducted prior to Work Plan submittal. Act 381 Work Plan Guidance

and the development, preparation and implementation of a brownfield plan and/or Act 381 work plan(s).

8324 Woodward Avenue and 50 E Euclid Street: A Phase II<sup>4</sup> Environmental Site Assessment (“ESA”) was completed by AKT Peerless for the properties located at 8324 Woodward Avenue and 50 E Euclid Street in August 2018. The laboratory analytical results of the Phase II ESA identified arsenic, mercury (total), selenium, 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene, ethylbenzene, naphthalene, n-propylbenzene and xylenes were detected in subsurface soils at the subject property at concentrations exceeding the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (“EGLE”) Residential Cleanup Criteria (RCC). Various concentrations in soil were detected above the Groundwater Surface Water Interface Protection Criteria (GSIP), Drinking Water Protection Criteria (DWP), and Direct Contact Cleanup Criteria. Based on laboratory analytical results, both properties located at 8324 Woodward Avenue and 50 E Euclid Street meet the definition of a “facility”, as defined in Part 201 of the NREPA, Michigan PA 451, 1994, as amended.

72 , 78, 82, 90, 96 and 100 East Euclid Street: The City of Detroit Planning Commission has initially determined, and with the approval of the Plan, the governing body concurs, that the parcels located at 72 , 78, 82, 90, 96 and 100 East Euclid Street qualifies as “blighted” properties in accordance with Section 2(c)(vi) of Act 381, because the properties are owned by or under the control of a land bank fast track authority.

60 and 66 East Euclid Street: Two parcels (i.e., 60 and 66 East Euclid Street) qualify as eligible property (as defined by Section 2 of Act 381) because (i) they are adjacent and contiguous to a parcel that qualifies as a “facility” or “blighted” parcel; and (ii) eligible activities will be conducted on these parcels and the inclusion and development of these adjacent or contiguous parcels is estimated to increase the captured taxable value of the remainder of the Property.<sup>5</sup>



**Rendering of the completed project<sup>6</sup>**

<sup>4</sup> The Phase II assessment involves further investigation into the RECs, including collecting soil and/or groundwater samples, identifying the presence of underground tanks, and documenting any abandoned containers and their contents, etc. The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

<sup>5</sup> Eight of the ten parcels are owned by the City of Detroit and or the Land Bank, therefore having little to no current taxable value.

<sup>6</sup> DBRA Detroit Food Commons Public Hearing Notice

## SUMMARY OF ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES



ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES COST SUMMARY				
				Estimated Cost of Eligible Activity
Predevelopment Activities				\$ 38,610
Due Care Compliance Activities				\$ 287,500
<b>TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES</b>				<b>\$ 326,110</b>
Demolition				\$ 142,500
Site Preparation Activities				\$ 234,675
Eligible Infrastructure Improvement Activities				\$ 220,500
<b>TOTAL NON-ENVIRONMENTAL ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES</b>				<b>\$ 597,675</b>
<b>Total Environmental and Non-Environmental Eligible Activities</b>				<b>\$ 923,785</b>
15% Contingency on Eligible Activities				\$ 129,776
Brownfield Plan & Act 381 WP Preparation				\$ 28,000
Brownfield Plan & Act 381 WP Implementation				\$ 30,000
<b>Total Eligible Activities Cost with 15% Contingency</b>				<b>\$ 1,111,561</b>
Interest (calculated at 5%, simple)				\$ 67,258
<b>Total Eligible Activities Cost, with Contingency &amp; Interest</b>				<b>\$ 1,178,819</b>
BRA Administration Fee				\$ 385,161
State Revolving Fund				\$ 171,510
Local Brownfield Revolving Fund (LBRF)				\$ 732,251
<b>Total Eligible Costs for Reimbursement</b>				<b>\$ 2,467,741</b>

Please contact us if we can be of any further assistance.

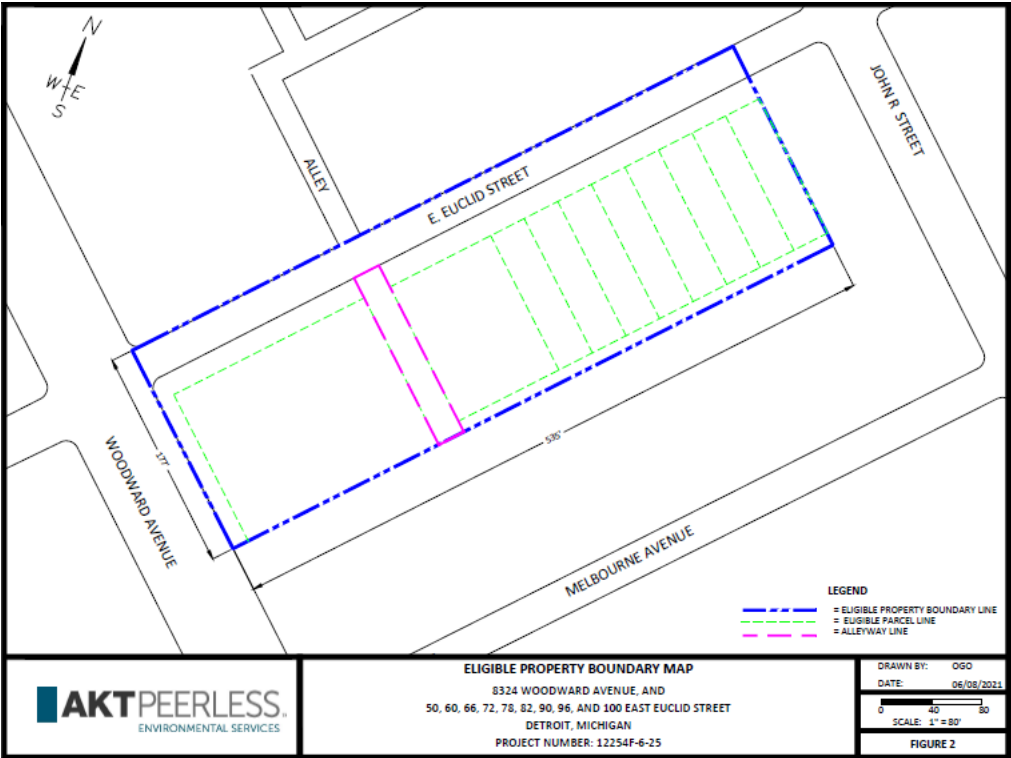
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<sup>7</sup> AKT Peerless Project No. 12254F Table 1. Eligible Activities Detroit Food Commons



	<p align="center"><b>SUBJECT PROPERTY LOCATION MAP</b>        8324 WOODWARD AVENUE, AND        50, 60, 66, 72, 78, 82, 90, 96, AND 100 EAST EUCLID STREET        DETROIT, MICHIGAN        PROJECT NUMBER: 12254F-6-25</p>	<p align="center"><b>LEGEND</b></p> 	<p>DRAWN BY: OGO        DATE: 06/06/2021</p> <hr/> <p align="center"><b>FIGURE 1</b></p>
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**INCENTIVE INFORMATION CHART:**

Project Type	Incentive Type	Investment Amount	District
New Construction	TIF and CRA	18 Million	5 – North End

Jobs Available							
Construction				Post Construction			
Professional	Non-Professional	Skilled Labor	Non-Skilled Labor	Professional	Non-Professional	Skilled Labor	Non-Skilled Labor
3	0	60	20	5	40	0	0

**1. What is the plan for hiring Detroiters?**

The Detroit Black Community Food Security Network is the project developer (“Developer”) and the anticipated future owner of the Property. The project will use Executive Order requirements as the basis for all trade contacts in terms of local participation. The Developer will work with local workforce development programs and will participate in Council President Jones’ Skilled Trades Taskforce to optimize the use of Detroit-based subcontractors.

**2. Please give a detailed description of the jobs available as listed in the above chart, i.e: job type, job qualifications, etc.**

During construction, the Developer expects to create 83 construction jobs and upon completion and stabilization, the Developer expects to create approximately 45 full time equivalent jobs.

Average wages for new hires post construction may range from \$10/hour to \$18/hour or for salary positions, from \$30,000 to \$45,000.

**3. Will this development cause any relocation that will create new Detroit residents?**

The project does not include a residential component; however, it will create new commercial attractions drawing more residents to the neighborhood as well as supporting other recent redevelopments in the area.

**4. Has the developer reached out to any community groups to discuss the project and/or any potential jobs?**

The Development Team is in the process of further reaching out to community groups and neighboring property owners. Over the last several years, The Detroit Food Commons project has received overwhelming support from the community as evidence by reaching its membership goal for the co-op prior to opening and its large-scale community-based capital campaign.





**5. When is construction slated to begin?**

The project is anticipating a summer 2021 start date, pending approvals of the various economic incentives by the administering agencies.

**6. What is the expected completion date of construction?**

The project aims to be completed by December 2022.



**Attachment B**

TO: THE DETROIT BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
FROM: DETROIT, BUILDINGS, SAFETY ENGINEERING, AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT  
PROJECT: Detroit Food Commons, 8324 Woodward and 50 E Euclid  
DATE: 06/02/2021

The undersigned, from the City of Detroit, Buildings, Safety Engineering, and Environmental Department acknowledges the receipt of the environmental documents listed below, which have been submitted by Robertson Brothers Homes, as developer, as part of its Brownfield Plan submittal to the Detroit Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (DBRA), for the Detroit Food Commons Project.

- Phase I Environmental Site Assessment, pursuant to USEPA's. All Appropriate Inquiry using American Society of Testing Materials (ASTM) Standard E 1527-13
- Phase II Environmental Site Assessment, pursuant to ASTM Standard 1903 (if appropriate)
- Baseline Environmental Assessment, pursuant to Part 201 of Michigan's Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, MCL 324.20101 *et seq.* (if appropriate).
- Due Care Plan, pursuant to Part 201 of Michigan's Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, MCL 324.20101 *et seq.* (if appropriate).

Based upon its review of the above environmental documents and the representations of the developer, the City of Detroit, Buildings, Safety Engineering, and Environmental Department agrees with the environmental consultant that the site is a facility and has determined that the documents received for this project satisfy the DBRA Guidelines.

City of Detroit, Buildings, Safety Engineering, and Environmental Department

By: Anita Harrington  
Its: Environmental Specialist III

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June 8, 2021

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**RE: Detroit Food Commons Project**

Attached is the review by staff to the City Planning Commission (as part of the Legislative Policy Division (LPD)) of the Brownfield Blight application for the Detroit Food Commons Project. Staff has reviewed the proposed Brownfield project in light of the criteria for blight as defined in the Brownfield Redevelopment Act, PA 381.

Based on the information submitted, the proposed project appears to meet at least one of the blighted property criteria. As provided in the Act, a property must meet any one of seven criteria listed in Section 2(c). Attached is an "Initial Blighted Determination DBRA Brownfield Redevelopment" form, as well as the "Application for Brownfield Blight Determination" for the subject project.

Please contact Kathryn Lynch Underwood of our staff with any questions.

Sincerely,



Marcell R. Todd, Jr., Director  
Kathryn Lynch Underwood, Staff

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July 24, 2019

Mr. Malik Kenyatta Yakini  
Co-Founder & Executive Director  
Detroit Black Community Food Security Network (DBCFSN)  
11000 W. McNichols, Suite 103  
Detroit, MI 48238

Dear Mr. Yakini,

The Detroit Economic Growth Corporation ("DEGC") is pleased to submit this proposal indicating support for the establishment of the Detroit Food Commons Development (the "Detroit Peoples Food Co-op") in the City of Detroit. The contemplated investment is very important to the City of Detroit and as discussed with representatives of Detroit Peoples Food Co-op, we are confident that this project will lead to a positive economic impact for the City of Detroit and southeastern region of Michigan.

Therefore, as the lead economic development agency for the City of Detroit, we would like to express our full endorsement of the Detroit Peoples Food Co-op's contemplated investment, as this project exhibits our primary goal, *to leverage private investment with public sector resources to encourage economic activity in the City of Detroit*. After careful consideration and intense review of the project, we are of the opinion that this project necessitates the economic development incentives that are being requested. We are pleased to outline the incentives that are available for the site under consideration.

The incentives and the established values provided below are based on information provided to the DEGC as follows:

- \$15.8 million mixed-use project that includes Retail, Office, Educational and Incubator Kitchen space
- The creation of 50 FTE as well as 250 Construction FTE

### PROPOSED INCENTIVES

- Commercial Rehabilitation Abatement, PA 210 of 2005; DEGC is recommending a 10 year abatement term.
- Brownfield Tax Increment Financing, PA 381 of 1996



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Please note, proposed incentives are contingent upon receipt of all required documentation, staff review, local legislative approval, state approval and fulfillment of eligibility requirements and conditions of this proposal. Additionally, this commitment is contingent upon an agreement between the City of Detroit and the Detroit Peoples Food Co-op related to the project investment and the local priorities.

### LOCAL AGENCY COORDINATION

The DEGC will collaboratively work with all city departments, utility companies, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) and other public and private organizations engaged in economic development in the City of Detroit, including support to identify skilled workers for the Detroit Peoples Food Co-op talent needs. Additionally, DEGC will coordinate your efforts with local leaders and provide ongoing assistance to the Detroit Peoples Food Co-op during this process.

### PERMITTING

The DEGC will work with the City of Detroit and all local permitting to grant the necessary permits in a timely and orderly manner.

We are very excited about the potential of the Detroit Peoples Food Co-op, and the investment in jobs and real estate that are being proposed. DEGC is pleased to support the resources outlined in this letter.

In closing, please allow this to serve as indication of our commitment and support for the proposed project. We look forward to working with our partners to develop this project in the City of Detroit.

Sincerely,



Kenyetta Bridges

Vice President, Real Estate & Finance

cc: Julie McBride, Construction Watch  
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February 22, 2019

Mr. Malik Yakini  
Detroit Black Community Food Security Network  
11000 W McNichols Rd, #103  
Detroit, MI 48221

Dear Mr. Yakini,

I am proud to support the work of the Detroit Black Community Food Security Network (DBCFSN) and its development of a community space and food co-op in Detroit's North End neighborhood.

The city of Detroit lacks access to healthy, fresh food in many of its neighborhoods. I am happy to support DBCFSN's project that would address that issue with its food co-op grocery store, 4 incubator kitchens, as well as a community banquet/gathering space.

Further, I am impressed by DBCFSN's grassroots work with many ties to the local community. It is especially impressive to note that this organization has been in operation for more than a decade. Your proposed project goes beyond raising awareness about food issues in Detroit and will bring meaningful change in food policy and what it means for the people of the surrounding communities.

In short, I feel strongly that DBCFSN possesses the knowledge and resources to make its proposed food co-op project a success. I wish you the best and offer my support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rashida Tlaib".

Rashida Tlaib  
U.S. Representative  
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**Mr. Malik Yakini**  
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Dear Mr. Yakini:

This letter is in reference to the proposed Detroit Food Commons development. This development is a collaboration between the Detroit Black Community Food Security Network and Develop Detroit. It will include a cooperatively owned Grocery Store, Incubator Kitchens, Community banquet space and offices.

The Food Co-op will present an eclectic range of groceries which will be intended to attract local residents, as well as, the college and professional patrons who live or do business in the North End, Midtown, Downtown, and New Center area. Although, it's central, highly visible and accessible location will attract patrons from all of Metro Detroit. The Detroit Food Commons Project can become a model for how Detroit can embrace all of its stakeholders in an equitable and sustainable manner.

The City of Detroit Planning and Development Department is pleased to support the Detroit Food Commons development.

Sincerely,

**R. Steven Lewis, FAIA, NOMAC, LEED AP**  
Urban Design Director, Central Region  
Detroit Planning & Development Department

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October 29, 2015

Malik Yakini  
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Dear Mr. Yakini,

I am pleased to write in support of your coalition's efforts to expand opportunities for food security in Detroit through urban agriculture.

The programs you have developed, including D-Town Farms, the Summer Urban Agriculture Internship Program and the Ujamaa Food Buying Club, have been successful in creating access to healthy foods and jobs as well as building a vibrant and just community.

My staff and I appreciate the opportunities we have had to work with you on food policy issues and hear about your on-going efforts to build a robust localized food system in the City of Detroit. I commend you for collaboratively developing the Detroit People's Food Co-op in the City's North End. This is an excellent way to expand access to affordable, healthy foods through community ownership.

As ranking member of the U.S. Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee, I share your commitment to urban agriculture and look forward to continuing to work with you on building a reliable and sustainable food system in Detroit.

Sincerely,



Debbie Stabenow  
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