

May 14, 2025

Dear Historic District Commission,

As a resident of 1300 Lafayette East Cooperative, I'm writing to explain the heavy financial toll we are experiencing due to our current heating arrangement. Since our boilers failed in 2022, we have spent over \$44,000 per month to rent and operate temporary boilers. These costs are unsustainable for a cooperative of working families, retirees, and fixed-income residents. We are being forced to sacrifice building repairs, maintenance, and reserve funds just to stay warm.

The reconnection to Detroit Thermal's district energy system is our only viable long-term option. It has been approved by the Michigan Public Service Commission and was designed with respect for the historic character of our neighborhood. It will not disturb any buildings or trees and will restore our building's infrastructure in a responsible way.

This is more than a construction project — it is a financial and humanitarian necessity. I urge your approval.

Sincerely,

Carolina Colombo  
Resident, 1300 Lafayette East Cooperative