

TO: Detroit Historic District Commission

FROM: Robin & Patricia Jaynes  
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Every day, from our windows, my wife and I look out at the extensive Mies van der Rohe property. There are so many trees and shrubbery that we can scarcely see the town homes under the beautiful canopy. That incredible view is not one that we, as champions of historic preservation, would ever consider harming.

We believe that the entire Lafayette Park area is a valuable jewel in the city of Detroit and we support our Mies van der Rohe neighbors in their desire to safeguard their landscaping. As shareholders at 1300 East Lafayette, we also want Detroit Thermal to do everything possible to ensure that these trees and shrubs are protected. For this reason, we are working diligently with Detroit Thermal and they have assured us that:

- 1) Of the hundreds of trees in the subdivision, seven will be minimally impacted
- 2) The worksite will be temporary
- 3) The 1300 address will receive the necessary cost effective steam heat that originally powered the building. Detroit Thermal will not be constructing a new system; it will re-utilize an underground pipe network along an existing easement.

At this stage, the consequences of a failure to reinstall the steam system at 1300 East Lafayette would pose a hardship for us and negatively affect our ability to heat and maintain our 60 year old building during the 2025-2026 winter season and beyond.

We are respectfully requesting that you support and approve this project.

Sincerely,

Robin and Patricia Jaynes