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Dear Members of the Historic Detroit Commission,

I am writing to express my strong support for the reconnection of steam heating lines to the 1300 East Lafayette Cooperative using City established easements within the Mies Vandero Cooperative. This project is crucial for the well-being and sustainability of our cooperative community.

Detroit Thermal has consistently addressed concerns from our neighbors and adapted their plans to accommodate feedback at every stage. Their commitment to finding solutions demonstrates their dedication and stewardship to the needs of the overall community.

The financial impact of the recent delays is significant, and any further postponements will continue to harm the 1300 East Lafayette Cooperative. The planned route for the steam installation is the most cost-effective and minimally disruptive option, preserving the integrity and historical character of the Mies cooperative.

Reliable heating is essential for our residents, and further delays will jeopardize the 2025-2026 heating season. It is imperative that we move forward with this project to ensure uninterrupted and efficient heating for our community.

Additionally, denying Detroit Thermal the use of established easements sets a concerning precedent. If Detroit Thermal is blocked from using the easements, it stands to reason that all utilities should also be prohibited from using them. This raises critical questions about the future handling of essential services for Mies Cooperative. For instance, if there is a water main break or an issue with buried electrical cables, will these utilities also be blocked from accessing the easements? Such restrictions could have severe implications for the maintenance and reliability of vital infrastructure for the city.

I urge the Historical Detroit Commission to support this vital project and facilitate the reconnection of steam heating lines to the 1300 East Lafayette Cooperative. Your assistance in expediting this process will greatly benefit our cooperative and its residents.

Sincerely,

Kevin Turner