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**[EXTERNAL] 1300 East Lafayette-Detroit Thermal Project**

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**To** Historic District Commission (Staff) <hdc@detroitmi.gov>

I am a current resident of 1300 E Lafayette Cooperative. I am also a retired teacher serving as a substitute teacher in the DPSCD, with extensive ties to our community. I'm writing to ask for your support for the Detroit Thermal project currently being considered by the Detroit Historic Commission for our 1300 Lafayette East Cooperative.

This past winter our Cooperative experienced a complete failure of our final boiler supplying heat and hot water to our building. As a result, we had to contract two portable boilers to be brought to our property to supply our needs. We have since researched extensively the various forms of heating options available to us, and Detroit Thermal is without question the best solution. However, the longer this is delayed, the more costly this is for us.

We have a varied socio-economic shareholder community in our building, and some of us are on a fixed income and cannot afford the extensive and expensive assessments required were we to pursue another option. This would also result in the displacement of many of our long-term shareholders. We have experienced extended periods without heat in the past and are committed to ensuring that this never happens again.

We want to be good neighbors, and Detroit Thermal has addressed the Mies Cooperative's concerns and has suggested a plan with minimal impact on their property. We need to get this project started so we are not without heat for the upcoming 2025/2026 heating season.

We urge your support and thank-you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

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