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Hello, thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback. Please see the attached. Thank you,

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To: City of Saint Paul, Board of Zoning Appeals

Subject: Variance Request for 287 6th Street East

Members of the Board of Zoning Appeals,

On behalf of the CapitolRiver Council (CRC) Board of Directors, I am writing to recommend support for the variance request to allow up to 85 percent of the Allen Building, located at 287 6th Street East, to be used for Storage facility, rental. We discussed this at two public meetings. First, our Planning and Zoning Committee discussed this with the applicants on September 19. The committee made no recommendation. The request was then discussed at the CRC Board meeting on September 24, and the applicants also attended that meeting. There were 10 board members present, and the board approved a motion to recommend approval of the variance. The vote was 7-3.

A majority of board members agreed with the applicants, in that the building was originally designed as a warehouse, and efforts to convert it to other uses has been a challenge for the current building owners. The height of the windows and concrete floors were some of the features that were mentioned as justification for the practical difficulties and other requirements for receiving a variance, as referenced in City Code.

Thank you for your consideration, and we hope that you will also consider supporting this applicant's request. Please feel free to contact me with additional questions or feedback.

Sincerely,

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