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March 4, 2021

City of Saint Paul  
Attn: City Council Members  
1400 City Hall Annex  
25 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Re: **Letter of Support for Alatus Development LLC Site Plan Proposal at 411-417 Lexington Parkway N – City File #20-102-273 – Council Hearing Date of March 17<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30pm**

Dear Council Members,

On behalf of the Amherst H. Wilder Foundation, I appreciate the Council's consideration of the sale and development of 411-417 Lexington Parkway North. I am writing to express Wilder's support of the project as a way to bring needed housing into the neighborhood while supporting Wilder's mission to improve lives today and for generations to come.

In addition to creating multifamily housing units along the Light Rail Corridor and making use of a property that has been vacant for more than a decade, proceeds from the sale of the Lexington property will be put back into the community in the form of Wilder's services that help families remain safe, healthy, and stable. Wilder provides critical human services throughout Saint Paul, including supports for mental wellness, housing stability, early childhood development, school success, and healthy aging. The need for these services has increased sharply during the COVID-19 pandemic. Funds from the sale of 411-417 Lexington will bolster Wilder's ability to respond to community needs and remain a stabilizing force for thousands of Saint Paul residents each year.

Wilder has engaged with community residents and groups who have expressed concerns about the proposed development, specifically related to affordability. We understand these concerns and recognize that there is a shortage of affordable housing locally and nationally. We will continue to work with this Council and others in the community to advocate for more affordable housing, while also meeting the immediate needs of individuals and families in Greater Saint Paul.

Sincerely,

Armando Camacho  
President and CEO  
Amherst H. Wilder Foundation