



May 6, 2020

Honorable Elaine L. Chao
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Fort Lauderdale Downtown Development Authority's 2020 BUILD Application

Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of the entire team at Mill Creek Residential, I am happy to support the Fort Lauderdale DDA's BUILD grant application to help fund the design and construction of complete street improvements in Downtown Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Mill Creek develops, builds, acquires and operates high-quality apartment communities in desirable locations, coast to coast. We saw the potential in the Flagler Village neighborhood and knew we had to place roots there. In 2019, after assembling and purchasing property and going through the site plan approvals, we broke ground on Modera 555, a 24-story, 350-unit luxury apartment community along NE 8th Street. With the significant investment we are making to our site and to the surrounding public realm, we are excited to see that the remainder of the street is planned to be upgraded, which will create a seamless experience for our future residents and the Flagler Village community.

The plan to transform NE 8th Street provides improved mobility, access, safety, and presents an overall upgrade to the aesthetics and comfort of the street network making it a more viable option to move people around in ways other than getting into a car. We support this application and I hope you will also support it by fully funding the request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "JM", is written over a horizontal line.

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