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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:

This letter serves to demonstrate support for the Fort Lauderdale DDA's BUILD grant application to help fund the design and construction of complete street improvements in the Flagler Village neighborhood of Downtown Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

The Morgan Group is a vertically integrated, 3rd generation family business that invests in multifamily housing through development and acquisitions in high growth US markets. In its history, Morgan has built or acquired over \$3 billion of multifamily assets, consisting of over 20,000 units including Pearl Flagler Village, a 350-unit residential mid-rise development with live-work units and commercial flex space located at the intersection of NE 4th Street and NE 3rd Avenue in Flagler Village.

Flagler Village continues to prove itself as the premier urban submarket in Fort Lauderdale with proximity to high-end restaurants and retail mixed with the accessibility to the Brightline/Virgin station and the FAT Village Arts District. Morgan has spent significant dollars making public realm investments in and around the Pearl project site building wide sidewalks, installing shade trees and new lighting. The DDA's plan to rebuild the rest of NE 4th Street is especially important as there are major connectivity gaps along the corridor that need investment to make a safe and comfortable experience for all travel modes.

We are excited to support this effort and hope you will strongly consider the DDA's application request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Schlecker'.

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