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Chairpersons LaJoy and Gilbert:

The City of Detroit City Planning Commission (CPC) sends this communication to convey our support for the Detroit River International Crossing Study (DRIC) and to urge the State Legislature to continue its support of the study and see it through to completion. While we are not ecstatic over the prospect of an additional border crossing within the Detroit city limits, we respect the significance of this particular point along the US/Canadian border to the city, state and nation as well as our Canadian neighbors.

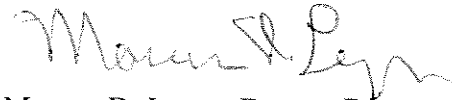
Southwest Detroit holds a unique distinction as host to rather significant transportation infrastructure and activities. The DRIC recognizes the need for a comprehensive approach to the expansion or alteration of that infrastructure and the particular need to work with the community. The CPC has seen southwest Detroit totally up in arms over the Detroit Intermodal Freight Terminal proposal. The DRIC is to be commended for engaging the community in the manner it has and the resulting success thus far. Recognizing the condition and unique character of this community, the DRIC should also be commended for having the vision to develop, via this process, a community plan with and without a new crossing. This approach will benefit this community no matter what the final disposition on a new border crossing.

The City Planning Commission finds the process employed by the DRIC to be fair, open and comprehensive. It takes into account the needs, considerations and regulatory processes of both nations in a coordinated effort. The Bi-national Partnership with the

DRIC study provides the best possible vehicle for all parties involved to determine the needs, locale, impacts, mitigation and design of a new border crossing. Again, we urge your continued support of the study.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Marcus D. Loper".

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