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Mr. Asberry and Mr. Shields:

It is my pleasure to offer this letter in support of the designation of Census Tract 17 in the City of Evansville as a Targeted Employment Area (TEA).

Woodruff Hospitality is developing a new Hyatt Place Hotel in this area adjacent to the new Evansville Arena, which is scheduled to open this fall. The availability of a hotel in proximity to the new Evansville Arena is vital for drawing conferences, conventions and other events to the Arena and is a key component to the continued revitalization of downtown Evansville.

This project is also expected to employ more than 200 skilled tradesmen and women during the 18-month development phase and will result in 150 permanent jobs for Evansville.

The City of Evansville is excited to partner in this hotel development project and has committed up to \$8 million to make the total project viable and profitable.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in establishing the necessary TEA.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Weinzapfel
Mayor