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**Department of Economic Development**

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**The Honorable Blaine A. Griffin**  
**President – Cleveland City Council**  
601 Lakeside Avenue, Room 216  
Cleveland, OH 44114

**RE: Legislation for Passage – July 9, 2025 Amendment to Ordinance 482-2023**

Dear Council President Griffin:

I am writing to request your support for **passage** under suspension of legislation described below at the **City Council Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 9th, 2025.** The legislation is as follows:

*Authorize the Director of Economic Development to amend Ordinance 482-2023 to: (1) expand the Southeast Side Commercial Corridor Program to include all of Wards 1, 2, and 4; and (2) eliminate the Board of Control approval requirement for providing economic development assistance to individual commercial corridor projects on the Southeast Side.*

This legislation is essential for accelerating the Southeast Side Commercial Corridor Program. This initiative takes an equitable, community-driven approach to revitalizing commercial corridors, aiming to reverse decades of disinvestment.

I appreciate your support and understanding of our interest in moving this project forward. If you have any questions, please contact me at (216) 664-2204.

Sincerely,

**Thomas S. McNair, Director**  
Department of Economic Development

cc: All Members of Council,  
Patricia J. Britt, City Clerk, Clerk of Council  
Ryan M. Puente, Chief of Government Affairs