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Burlington Development Review Board
Department of Permitting & Inspections
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Members of the Burlington Development Review Board,
We write you today as an organization representing hundreds of employers continually reminding us that the most significant obstacle to their day-to-day success, and the long-term economic vitality of our region, is a chronic lack of housing stock in the greater-Burlington area. Similarly, we have heard this repeatedly from our Greater-Burlington Young Professionals' Network. We hope this is considered and is ultimately the most prominent factor in your review of the proposed demolition and eventual redevelopment of the property at 20 Pine Street in Burlington's downtown.

We desperately need housing and feel as if, in this instance, the parcel of land in question is in a fantastic location within the downtown core, with proximity to the Downtown Transit Center and other vital services. Furthermore, this location represents an opportunity to act on and bring to fruition the dense, walkable downtown we all envision, along with the benefits that it brings to our environment, community, and cost of delivering essential services. Finally, this opportunity could potentially bring a large value property onto our grand list, which has previously not provided revenue to the city.

We hope that your actions will allow this parcel to be put to the highest and best use by enabling this property to be liberated from constraints that might prevent it from serving as housing.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Austin Robert Davis".

Austin Robert Davis
Director of Government Affairs