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Dear Members of the Economic Matters Committee,

I am writing in support of HB1276, the Neighborhood Social Connection and Development Program (WNADA Neighborhood Social Connection and Development Act). For the past five years, the West North Avenue Development Authority (WNADA) has been a consistent and reliable partner in supporting the current and future development of all neighborhoods in its catchment area.

During this time we have shared our struggles with sustainable outreach, community engagement and special events in our neighborhood of Reservoir Hill. So much of what makes a community strong is the connection between the people within them. Neighborhood organizations are often the entry point for civil participation. To this end, the Reservoir Hill Association is dedicated to uniting all of our neighbors and WNADA in ensuring that all of us have a stake in the future of our community. In this regard, WNADA has been a steadfast and committed partner and it has been a tremendous pleasure to work with their organization.

Given WNADA's demonstrated resolve in supporting our community, it is only natural that WNADA would now be a conduit fully supportive of the day to day requirements for intentional community engagement and social connectivity. The Reservoir Hill Association, like other volunteer neighborhood organizations, would benefit greatly from this funding. Although we often make things work with very little, funding focused on intentional operational, technological, and infrastructural improvements will multiply our ability to connect and share information with our neighbors.

We strongly believe in WNADA's vision for the West North Avenue corridor. By building each community's capacity, this Act will further WNADA's work in creating environments and spaces for further connection and engagement. To this end, we strongly urge that you vote in support of HB1276 to support a more connected and people-centered West Baltimore which is a benefit for us all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keondra Prier', written over a white background.

Keondra Prier  
President