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Ms. Deborah McColloch
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RE: Gardner Capital, LLC- Greater Bible Way Temple Senior Apartments

Dear Mr. Hudson and Ms. McColloch:

I offer unmitigated support for Gardner's funding application to develop senior affordable housing on the Greater Bible Way Temple Complex (the GBT Senior Apartments). This Proposal will address an actively emergent need in the 190th Legislative District as our population continues to age and where affordable housing is a constant needed. GBT Senior Apartments would provide 53 one-bedroom affordable housing units in a 4-story building for seniors 62 and older. Listening to my senior constituents who are finding it harder to find and maintain housing that is affordable

Gardner Capital is a national developer embarking on affordable development in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and partnering with Greater Bible Way Temple, a local institution who has been at this location for 30 years providing support programs *(i.e. Affordable Day Care and Summer Camp, Emergency Food Cupboard, Prayer for Our Community, Community Resources and others)*. Greater Bible Way Temple has been trying to bring senior housing to its Cathedral Park neighborhood for years, and is thrilled to work with Gardner Capital to shape an affordable housing development that meets the needs of its neighbors.

This proposed facility and amenities will afford Philadelphia Seniors quality affordable housing with enriched services to ensure the senior residents have adequate supports to age peacefully. Please be assured that as a Member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, I support, advocate and legislate for our seniors to have affordable living conditions. I commend Greater Bible Way Temple and Gardner Capital each for finding a great partner to bring the vision of quality affordable housing for seniors to West Philadelphia community.

I hope that you favorably consider this letter of support as you review their submission. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

Vanessa Lowery Brown

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