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Ms. Gail Kass
President & CEO
NewCourtland Senior Services
1845 Walnut Street, 12th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Re: Allegheny Senior Community Units: Phase 2

Dear Ms. Kass:

I am writing to express my support of NewCourtland Senior Services' plan to add 45 low-income senior housing units to the Allegheny Senior Community, located at 1900 W. Allegheny Avenue. When complete, the 5.5 acre campus will offer over 100 units of affordable, high-quality residences for older adults, along with a senior center, and LIFE Center.

Located on the site of a formerly abandoned suit factory, this campus serves as a clear example of the positive impact local residents, neighborhood groups, private organizations and elected officials can have when we pool our efforts and resources to uplift our communities.

NewCourtland Senior Services has secured an allocation of low-income housing tax credits and funds from the City of Philadelphia for the first phase of this housing initiative. In addition, NewCourtland has secured \$1 million under the Redevelopment Capital Assistance Capital Program (RACP) and the Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation (PIDC) provided an allocation of New Markets Tax Credits for the LIFE Center. Your organization is currently demonstrating its commitment to provide housing, supportive services, employment opportunities and economic development to the Third District.

I look forward to the progression of the second phase of this project and encourage you to contact my office if I can provide further assistance during this process. I wish you continued success in your mission to provide high quality healthcare and supportive services for low-income seniors in Philadelphia.

Sincerely,


Shirley M. Kitchen
State Senator, Third District
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