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Rick Thayer, Chairman Canal Place Preservation and Development Authority Western Maryland Railway Station, Room 301 13 Canal Street Cumberland, MD 21502

Chairman Thayer,

I am writing you today to express Preservation Maryland's support for the District 1 delegation's recent request that the State of Maryland invest an additional \$1.2 million in the redevelopment of the Footer Dye Works building through a supplemental capital appropriation.

We join with the delegation, and Delegate Mike McKay who authored the press release on the issue, in requesting that the governor consider the additional appropriation of capital funds for this important project.

Like most historic preservation efforts, this project would be an economic catalyst for Cumberland and we are proud to support this kind of endeavor.

If I, or my organization, can be of assistance in this project please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff directly. We stand prepared to be an advocate and ally for the rehabilitation of Maryland's history.

Congratulations on gaining this level of support from your delegation.

Respectfully,

Micholas Redding Nicholas A. Redding

Executive Director

cc: Delegate Mike McKay, District 1-C Brian K. Grimm, Mayor, Cumberland, MD Elizabeth Hughes, Acting-Director, Maryland Historical Trust