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To the Honorable City Council,

On behalf of the Kendall Square Association (KSA), I am writing to express our full support of the active re-use of the Foundry Building at One Rogers Street in Kendall Square as a facility that could accommodate all types of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) programming.

KSA is an association of over 115 member businesses and organizations including the world's leading publicly traded technology and biotechnology companies such as Google, Microsoft, Biogen, Genzyme, Novartis and Pfizer with a mission to promote, protect, and improve Kendall Square. Of course Kendall Square is also home to MIT.

Many of these companies are actively engaged in mentoring our youth in STEAM learning, lobbying governmental agencies for financial support of these programs and providing internships for these constituents. As plans for the Foundry continue to develop, KSA is very interested in being an active part of the conversation as we represent so many of the local companies.

KSA is a resource to the City and we are delighted to be helpful in any way we can to further the future development of the Foundry. As a leading global innovation cluster, our members are committed to supporting the vibrant nature of Kendall Square that could be showcased in a restored Foundry building.

As the conversation evolves, it may be that the KSA offices could be located in the Foundry as a bridge between our business members and our residential neighbors.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Alexandra Lee
Deputy Director

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