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Honorable Members,  
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Massachusetts Biotechnology Council  
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Dear Members of the Cambridge City Council:

It is my pleasure, on behalf of the Massachusetts Biotechnology Council (MassBio), to offer its support of the proposed extension of the Cambridge Revitalization Development District enabling the construction of a new mixed-use building at 300 Massachusetts Avenue by Forest City Enterprises.

This new building will host laboratory and office facilities for Millennium: The Takeda Oncology Company. Since its founding in 1993, Millennium has been at the forefront of important advances in the life sciences that have helped Massachusetts and Cambridge become the most significant life sciences cluster in the world. In the past decade, the biopharma industry in Massachusetts has grown by over 50% - to over 50,000 employees. Over 230 lifesaving therapies have been developed by Massachusetts companies that treat a patient population, in the U.S. alone, of 160 million people.

Massachusetts is able to attract and retain the best workers for this industry from around Massachusetts and the world for an array of reasons, including the quality of the research and development that occurs here, the quality of companies like Millennium, and the quality of our outstanding research and office facilities. The proposed building at 300 Massachusetts Avenue will take its place among the amazing new and renovated buildings in which cutting edge, life-saving research is taking place throughout Cambridge and Massachusetts. As has been the trend among the newest life sciences buildings constructed, it will also lend itself to a thriving neighborhood by the inclusion of street level retail space.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Abair". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Peter Abair  
Director of Economic Development and Global Affairs

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**Communications #75**

A communication was received from Peter Abair, Director, Economic Development and Global Affairs, 300 Tech Square expressing his support for the proposed extension of the Cambridge Revitalization District to allow Forest City to build a mixed use building at 300 Massachusetts Avenue.

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**REFERRED TO THE PETITION**