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City of Kansas City
414 East 12th Street
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Dear Council Member McManus/Mayor Lucas:

As a proponent of downtown Kansas City, we at J.A. Lillig Excavating, Inc. strongly urge the City Council to support Ordinance No. 200225, to continue the progress made on the Barney Allis Redevelopment project.

Along with many prominent businesses anchored downtown, J.A. Lillig Excavating is an active investor in Kansas City and has been for 34 years. Now, more than ever, we encourage the City to continue to invest in their own success and prioritize the Barney Allis Redevelopment project - even during these challenging times.

Our main area of work is focused in Kansas City. In the past we have been involved in projects like the Sprint Center. We have been part of numerous downtown projects; we believe it helps improve the quality of the community and increases the amount of jobs available for the people of Kansas City. We continue to work in Kansas City to contribute to a better community.

We understand that the City, along with the rest of the world, is making difficult decisions every day related to the COVID-19 pandemic. By moving this project forward now, the City will be ready to revive the momentum on downtown development and the local economy when this situation subsides. Reinvesting in the Barney Allis parking garage and plaza also demonstrates your support of our business, convention, hotel and tourism industries as they recover from the economic downturn.

As a representative from J.A. Lillig Excavating, I urge you to pass Ordinance No. 200225. We offer our continual support in establishing Kansas City as a desirable place to live, work and enjoy.

Sincerely,

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