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Dear Chair Sharon Green Middleton:

As the Economic and Community Development Committee prepares to review legislation for the establishment of the York Corridor Business Improvement District (BID), I am writing to express my strong support.

I have been a business owner on York Road for close to a decade now, and while glad to be part of this community, we are lacking a business advocacy group of any kind. There are a lot of issues that need to be addressed, from cleaning and greening, to code enforcement, to new development opportunities. All of these are proposed services that will fall under the scope of the BID, and will all have a tangible and positive impact on the Corridor for current and future businesses and their patrons.

I expect that the York Corridor Business Improvement District can fill a void, and with its establishment will ensure a cohesive vision and voice for the Corridor's commercial body. The York Corridor Vision and Action Plan has since 2015 asserted that the BID is the right and best next step for the Corridor, and we are overdue in taking this step.

The proposed BID brings together east and west sides, as well as northern, central, and southern segments, to connect businesses and neighborhoods and strengthen the economic viability of the whole Corridor. I look forward to serving on the BID board and seeing what the BID can do for my businesses, B-More Kitchen and the Accelerator Space, as well as all the businesses up and down York Road.

I strongly support the establishment of the BID and thank you for considering this legislation. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

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