



**August 24, 2020**

**Dear Baltimore City Council,**

**I am a minority General Contractor who primarily builds houses in Baltimore City. I am writing to you to support the CHAP Historic Property Tax Credit. This program is very important to my business.**

**I am currently building the majority of my single-family houses in East Baltimore, near Johns Hopkins Hospital. This neighborhood had been deserted for decades. I have been in close contact with the buyers as they choose options on their houses and they wouldn't be able to afford the house without the CHAP Credit. Each time a house is bought it supports my business by allowing my company to start construction on a new house. This supports my business, my employees and my subcontractors.**

**I have to admit that while the CHAP building materials are a little more expensive, it causes the quality of the houses to be a lot nicer and the entire neighborhood more attractive.**

**Thank you for your support of the CHAP Historic Tax Credit.**

**Sincerely Yours,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neb Seyoum', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

**Neb Seyoum  
Lanas Construction**