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STEPHANIE A. MINER, MAYOR

February 22, 2010

Chancellor Nancy Cantor
Office of the Chancellor
Syracuse University
900 S. Crouse Avenue
Crouse-Hinds Hall, Suite 600
Syracuse, New York 13244-1100

Dear Chancellor Cantor:

I hope you'll agree that the Southeast University Neighborhood Association makes a compelling argument for a program to encourage more University Hill employees to live on the Hill.

An effective University Hill employer assisted housing program would reduce commuter emissions and, at the same time, improve traffic congestion on the city's eastside – as you know, a major concern for regional transportation planners. It would also reduce the need for employee parking on the hill and could, potentially, free up some of the acreage now devoted to surface marking for more productive use.

The city would also benefit greatly from having more University Hill employees as homeowners on the Hill, investing in our beautiful homes, stabilizing the neighborhood and enhancing property values.

University Hill employees have shown great commitment to the community through their efforts on the Near West Side, the South Side, the Connective Corridor and the Say Yes to Education program. It would be wonderful to have more of those employee/activists living in the city.

My office is available to discuss plans with you for an employer assisted housing program on University Hill, and ways that we might be of assistance. Please feel free to call Andrew Maxwell at (315) 448-8005 to set up an appointment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul Driscoll", is written over a faint, larger version of the signature.

Paul Driscoll, Commissioner
Department of Neighborhood and Business Development

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