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Michael Stanton  
935 Lancaster Ave.  
Syracuse, NY 13210

Dear Michael,

I write this letter in support of the Southeast University Neighborhood Association's request for a program of incentives to increase the number of University Hill employees living on University Hill. There appear to be benefits for all involved:

- The universities and hospitals can delay or avoid new expenditures for parking garages and traffic control measures, potentially saving millions.
- Traffic congestion will be alleviated with more University Hill employees walking to work rather than fighting to get onto and off of the freeway every day.
- University Hill employees will have the pleasure and health benefits that result from living in a walkable community, with restaurants, coffee shops, schools and churches just a stroll away.
- The Central New York environment will benefit from more University Hill employees walking and bicycling to work -- the cleanest forms of commuter transportation.

I stand in support of your efforts and encourage the institutions of the University Hill to convene a joint working group to create and manage an effective Employer Assisted Housing program for University Hill employees.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David J. Valesky".

David J. Valesky  
State Senator

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