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Zoning Board of Appeals
Chairperson Debra Trahan
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Reference: Zoning Board Meeting Agenda of February 15, 2018
ZBA Case # 4217 – YWCA Southeastern Massachusetts, Inc.

Dear Chairperson Trahan and Members of the Zoning Board of Appeals:

I am writing in reference to the above referenced petition which is to be heard by the members of the Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday, February 15, 2018. Unfortunately, I am not able to attend the meeting due to a prior commitment scheduled for the same date and time. I would however like to offer my support for Petition #4217, which requests another one year extension of the decision that was originally granted on February 18, 2016 and pertains to the proposed expansion that is planned by the YWCA of Southeastern Massachusetts.

The YWCA has been planning for many years the expansion of their current building footprint to be able to consolidate their facilities located in several other buildings in the City and to expand the important programs the YWCA offers to families in our City. The plans originally submitted for your consideration regarding this expansion remain unchanged. However the YWCA, a non-profit organization, requires additional time to finalize fundraising efforts and complete the financial planning to support the cost of the proposed expansion. I continue to strongly support the YWCA project and ask you to grant the requested extension.

Kindly read this letter into the record of the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting to make those in attendance and the general public aware of my support of Petition #4217. Thank you in advance for your attention to this correspondence and for your favorable consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Linda M. Morad
Councillor At Large

Xc: Gail Fortes, Executive Director, YWCA of Southeastern Massachusetts
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