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Dear Rifat:

We strongly support your FY2016 TIGER Discretionary Grant Application for the construction of the I-579 "Urban Connector Project".

The Lower Hill has suffered extensively through the years through being disconnected from the Golden Triangle. The first was urban renewal which removed most of the Lower Hill including all of the retail shops that once constituted a vital center and attracted many shoppers from the Triangle.


The second was the I-579 submerged Expressway which formed a concrete noisy moat between the Golden Triangle and the Lower Hill.

Redevelopment of the Lower Hill is now underway; offices, housing, and retail will be built anew.

The highway forms a major disconnection between the Golden Triangle and the Lower Hill and capping it will restore the continuity of these two very important areas.

We are very pleased with the leadership of the Authority and the City and the County in this matter.

Yours sincerely,


Arthur P. Ziegler, Jr.
President

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