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The Honorable Shenise Turner-Sloss and Commissioners
City of Dayton
333 W. Third St.
Dayton, Ohio 45402

Mayor Turner-Sloss and Commissioners:

We are writing you today to express our support for the Greater Dayton New Community Authority (NCA). As the economic driver that generates 60% of the income tax revenue for the City of Dayton, the importance of a thriving and vibrant downtown Dayton cannot be overstated. Our businesses, non-profit and public partners have invested millions in downtown Dayton and these investments have spurred opportunity and vibrancy not just in our core city, but across our entire region. We can point to a number of strategic downtown projects over the last decade that would not have been possible without strong private sector leadership coupled with equally strong leadership from our local, state and federal public partners.

Recent Investments:

- **Dayton Convention Center: \$45 million**
- **Levitt Pavilion: \$5 million**
- **Dayton Arcade: \$150 million**
- **The Deneau: \$50 million**
- **The Delco: \$100 million**

Coming Soon

- **The Mainline (formerly City Centre): \$125 million**
- **Hotel at the Dayton Convention Center: \$70 million**

The question remains, how do we continue to build on the economic development momentum we are experiencing, and leverage additional tools to drive community growth and opportunity?

The New Community Authority (NCA) legislation you are considering today authorizes this strategic economic development tool to be implemented on a case-by-case basis as decided by the impacted businesses. To be clear, you are passing authorizing language, but nothing is implemented until the businesses in the specific geography vote on what is best for their community.

This targeted approach to economic development allows the companies that are directly impacted to decide what investments are important to them and ensures that the NCA funding has a direct nexus to private sector investments.

Ultimately, this economic development model will reduce reliance on general fund resources and allow our community to implement a strategic and intentional investment strategy that moves us into the future.

To this end, the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce encourages Mayor Turner-Sloss and the Commissioners to vote YES, and approve the NCA petition.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Stephanie Keinath
EVP, Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce
Greater Downtown Dayton Fund Committee

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Chris Kershner
President & CEO, Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce
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