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May 2, 2013

The Honorable Jessica Lappin
The New York City Council
250 Broadway
New York, NY 10007

Dear Council Member Lappin:

Thank you for your support of Cornell NYC Tech, one of the City's most prominent and impactful economic development projects. As you know well, the Roosevelt Island campus will dramatically increase the number of engineering graduate students and faculty in New York City, creating a more robust talent pipeline. It will generate billions in overall economic activity, and provide meaningful tax revenues to the City. The campus will also help create thousands of construction and permanent jobs and facilitate the creation of hundreds of technology startups.

Your leadership on behalf of the project and the Roosevelt Island community has improved this bold undertaking. To ensure continued safety and security on Roosevelt Island, the New York Police Department (NYPD) has designated Captain Michael Sheehan from the Office of Management Analysis and Planning as the liaison to make sure that concerns are appropriately addressed. This liaison role will include regular meetings throughout the design and construction of the campus with elected officials and community stakeholders. In addition, the NYPD, at the discretion of the Police Commissioner, will review the public safety designs of the proposed Cornell campus. This may include consideration of the comprehensive range of security issues, such as the potential for increased monitoring or a physical presence, as deemed necessary by the NYPD.

We also understand that the Roosevelt Island community and its elected officials will be seeking capital funds to build a ferry landing. Upon the completion of construction of a ferry landing and the receipt of all applicable permits, the City intends to contribute to the operating costs of a one-year pilot of recreational summer ferry service.

Thank you for your continued leadership. We look forward to continuing to work with you to make Cornell NYC Tech a success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert K. Steel".

Robert K. Steel

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