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Greetings,

As Chairman of the African American Chamber of Commerce, we are proud to partner with HRP Philly and assure their recruitment of minority contractors as they redevelop the former PES refinery site in Southwest Philadelphia.

HRP Philly reached out to us early in the process and expressed their earnest desire to create real economic opportunity for the minority community. They have shared with us their plans and asked us to serve as a liaison between their intention and the city's pool of quality, minority contractors. They believe, as we do, that Philadelphia offers a rich and deep pool of minority talent and working together we intend to tap that pool to broaden opportunities at all levels of the minority economy.

As has been well documented, the former PES refinery created an immense health and safety issue for this city's minority population. Philadelphia, which is 44% African American, carried an environmental burden that today sees Philadelphia having the highest cancer rate of any city in the US and an asthma hospitalization rate three-times the statewide average. This alone is the very definition of climate injustice, a situation which can be reversed by the transformation of this location from what had been the city's largest polluter to a sustainable 21st-century logistics hub.

The African American Chamber of Commerce believes that HRP Philly's plan will create a cleaner, more vibrant, and more just city for us all. That is why we urge you to extend the KOZ. We believe your actions will speed the development and benefits of this site, both environmentally and economically.

As a final point, the African American Chamber of Commerce believes that this project is precisely the reason KOZs exist. They were put in place to spur development of post-industrial properties that would not be developed without economic incentives. HRP Philly took the chance, invested \$225 million dollars to do what no one else dared--clean the site and put it back into commerce. That goal can only be accomplished by embracing African American-owned businesses. HRP Philly understands that and is already working to make it a reality. We urge you to extend this KOZ.

Cordially,
Steven Scott Bradley- Chairman
African American Chamber of Commerce of PA NJ and DE