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Dear City Council,

I would like to start by recognizing the hard work of the community and economic development department as well as the public works department for their help in this project. This is the first ground up build that I have ever been a part of, and it is as daunting as I had imagined it would be and the individuals with the city have really bent over backwards to help this project go as smoothly as possible.

The main reason for this letter is to respectfully ask your consideration on our current changes to the site plan on this application. I understand, and greatly appreciate for that matter, the fact that the city reduced the purchase price for the land to help us get this project off the ground. We developed a budget and site plans based off the funding that we were able to obtain and overall, the project is moving along nicely.

We did run into a hiccup with the dumpster location and southeast corner of the parking lot where the ground was not firm enough to support the required structures. It cost us \$18,000 to dig out and shore up that part of the lot and it was able to pass inspection.

The application we are currently submitting has removed a retaining wall that will allow us to save \$11,000. On paper, it was determined that the wall was needed to meet the grading codes but after actual site development the construction company brought to our attention that the retaining wall may not be needed. We brought our engineer out and his calculations support that finding and while this would not make up the full amount of the unexpected expense, it definitely helps.

As a small business we do not have the funding power of most of the large companies that have been building in Lansing and our budget is strained. This would give us a little cushion on future unexpected costs that are sure to come along the way as we finish up. As a resident of Lansing, and future business owner in Lansing, thank you for all your hard work in improving our city.

Respectfully,

Jonathan Reddell