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Ohio Air Quality Development Authority
Christina O'Keeffe, Executive Director
50 W. Broad Street, Suite 1118
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Executive Director O'Keeffe,

I am writing regarding an item that is on today's OAQDA agenda. It has come to our attention that Ohio City Legacy LLC/Harbor Bay is requesting a financing through the OAQDA which would have the effect of exempting them from all property taxes. The Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) has had no involvement in the discussion around this issue and the implications for the District are enormous.

My understanding is that, over a period of time, this exemption would cost the District more than \$87 million.

We are requesting that the authority postpone any consideration of this financing until the CMSD, the City of Cleveland, and other potentially affected parties have had an opportunity to engage in discussions around this project and the subsequent implications. We are more than willing to work with all of the interested parties and believe it is important that the community as a whole be engaged in this discussion.

Appreciate your consideration. I look forward to talking with you further on this matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E S Gordon', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Eric S. Gordon
Chief Executive Officer
Cleveland Metropolitan School District