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Julie Morita, M.D.
Commissioner
Chicago Department of Public Health
333 S. State Street
Room 200
Chicago, IL 60604

Dear Dr. Morita:

I am writing on behalf of Universal Scrap Metals, located at 2500 W. Fulton Street in the Kinzie Industrial Corridor.

Universal Scrap Metals has done business on Chicago's West Side for more than 30 years and is a long-time active member of the Industrial Council of Nearwest Chicago (ICNC), one of the Chicago Department of Planning and Development's delegate agencies for its Local Industrial Retention Initiative.

Since moving to the corridor, USM has expanded into new lines of business, becoming integral to the supply chain of many well-known manufacturers. The company has grown to employ nearly 200 people and its success is part of the reason the Kinzie Industrial Corridor continues to be an economic engine for Chicago's West Side, providing good jobs to Chicagoans of diverse backgrounds and levels of educational achievement.

It is our hope that your department will be able to work collaboratively with USM leadership regarding the May 6, 2019 Proposed Rules for Large Recycling Facilities. We are confident that like you and your staff, USM is committed to responsible operations that keep employee, stakeholder, and community health as top priorities, and we ask that you work with them as they understand and respond to these rules.

Please let me know if I can be of any assistance in this matter.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve DeBretto".

Steve DeBretto
Executive director