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Dear Mayor Ballantyne and Members of the Somerville City Council,

Please see the attached letter of support from Sublime Systems regarding Somernova's proposed campus expansion and the Arts & Innovation SubArea Zoning.

We deeply appreciate your leadership and thoughtful consideration of this important initiative. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss further, we would be happy to connect.

Sincerely,
Cayman Somerville



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Friday, March 27, 2025

Mayor Katjana Ballantyne
City of Somerville
93 Highland Avenue
Somerville, MA 02143

Dear Mayor Ballantyne and Members of the Somerville City Council,

On behalf of Sublime Systems, I am writing to express our strong support for Somernova's campus expansion and the recently proposed Arts & Innovation SubArea Zoning. As a company at the forefront of innovative manufacturing technology, we have seen firsthand the critical role Somernova plays in fostering innovation, supporting startups, and enabling transformative solutions that address some of the world's greatest challenges.

Since establishing our presence in Somerville, Sublime Systems has experienced remarkable growth, made possible in no small part due to the resources, collaboration, and ecosystem that Somernova provides. The ability to operate alongside other cutting-edge companies in tough tech and cleantech has created an environment where we can tackle the urgent need for sustainable solutions while benefiting from shared knowledge, talent, and infrastructure. Somerville has the opportunity to strengthen its leadership as a hub for the companies solving tomorrow's problems, but this requires a commitment to policies and projects that support the next generation of innovators.

The proposed Arts & Innovation SubArea Zoning is essential to ensuring that companies like ours can continue to grow, create jobs, and deliver solutions that have global impact. Companies scaling novel manufacturing and industrial solutions require specialized infrastructure, flexible space, and a community that fosters interdisciplinary collaboration. Somernova has provided this, and its expansion will further strengthen Somerville's ability to attract and retain high-impact businesses that are not only creating economic growth but also addressing critical challenges such as decarbonization, energy security, and sustainable manufacturing.

Now, more than ever, we must invest in spaces that empower businesses working on solutions that will shape the future. We urge the City Council to support the expansion of Somernova and the Arts & Innovation SubArea Zoning to ensure that Somerville continues to be a leader in innovation, economic resilience, and sustainability.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued efforts to shape policies that support a thriving future for our city. We welcome the opportunity to further discuss the importance of this initiative and look forward to continued collaboration.

Sincerely,

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