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October 15, 2021

Ben Ewen-Campen, Chair
City Council Land Use Committee
C/O John Long, City Clerk
Somerville City Hall
93 Highland Avenue
Somerville, MA 02143

RE: Rooftop Mechanicals Amendment

Dear Chair Ewen-Campen:

I am writing on behalf of the Somerville Chamber of Commerce in favor of:

- exempting Master Plan Development Overlay Districts from further restrictions; and
- adjusting regulations in other districts to allow for 15 ft to 20 ft mechanicals.

Lab buildings bring a unique set circumstances when it comes to maximizing floor space and requiring rooftop mechanicals. Reasonable height limitations consistent with the industry requirements and competitive with nearby cities make sense.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stephen V. Mackey".

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