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LaToyia Hampton, Grants Manager  
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Dear Ms. Hampton,

I write to express my strong and unqualified support for Terasol Gallery and Cafe's application for a Great Streets Retail Small Business Reimbursement Grant. As both the local ANC Commissioner and President of the Forest Hills Row Business Association, I recognize the tremendous value that Terasol adds to our neighborhood.

Over the past five years Terasol has brought stability and vitality to Forest Hills Row, the commercial stretch along the 5000 block of Connecticut Avenue NW. They add culinary diversity to the area and have become an enthusiastic favorite of local residents. Furthermore, Terasol's owners are active members of the community who make a concerted effort to support DC artists, displaying their work in the restaurant's Gallery and showcasing their talent during regular "Live Music" nights.

For all of its success, Terasol is struggling with a number of large and expensive challenges. Most importantly, it urgently needs to upgrade an outdated electrical system to handle the needs of a modern restaurant, a significant undertaking that requires a licensed electrician to replace the entire service panel. Terasol also needs to invest in some expensive new major appliances (a commercial freezer, an air conditioning unit for the kitchen) and make other improvements to the interior and exterior space.

A Great Streets Small Business Reimbursement Grant from DPMED would help Terasol cover these extraordinary costs. I strongly endorse their application and the continued development of high-quality retail and dining options along this stretch of Connecticut Avenue.

Sincerely,



Malachy Nugent  
Commissioner, ANC 3F06 and  
President, Forest Hills Row Business Association

cc: Polina Bakhteiarov