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Public Testimony of Kevin J. Traver
Executive Director, National Maritime Heritage Foundation
ERA Resolution – Economic Development Committee

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the National Maritime Heritage Foundation, the official maritime heritage organization of the District of Columbia, our membership, staff and students, I would like to urge you to approve the Exclusive Rights Agreement between Hoffman – Struever and AWC.

The redevelopment of the Southwest Waterfront represents an opportunity to develop a new and exciting living waterfront community. As one of the cultural partners on the PN Hoffman team we have come to recognize, after working closely with them on this project for over a year, that they have the ability and experience to rebuild the Southwest Waterfront.

Our foundations proposed projects under the Southwest Waterfront redevelopment fit both the cultural goals of this redevelopment and the economic goals of the producing new jobs and income for the District. They will allow us to continue and expand educational program that put 4000 DC students on the water in 2006, 54% who came from Wards 6, 7, and 8; it will allow us to continue to take on special projects like the Pearl Incident Reenactment that NMHF hosted on our educational Schooner American Spirit in 2005 to support historian Mary K. Ricks in writing the definitive history on the Pearl Incident; and to host tall ship visits like the one we are currently planning with the Freedom Schooner Amistad in September 2008 after her voyage to Africa to celebrate the 200 year anniversary of the outlawing of the Slave Trade. The building to the Spirit of Enterprise, D.C.'s tall ship and a symbol of our new and successful waterfront, as a proposed part of the Southwest Waterfront redevelopment, will expand the educational opportunities our foundation can offer to all District residents and be a new economic generator on the waterfront.

The Washington Maritime Center, a public private partnership with the US Navy Museum, will be the cultural anchor and economic engine of a revitalized Southwest Waterfront. A study done by NMHF in partnership with the Howard University Center for Urban Progress has projected that the Spirit of Enterprise and the Washington Maritime Center could provide 2.5 million visitors to the waterfront; supply new jobs and stimulate direct economic income for the District.

The upside that the Hoffman – Struever team brings to the city is impressive; a revitalized waterfront neighborhood, new jobs, LSDBE businesses opportunities and state of the art educational facilities and programming for our students. They have shown a true willingness to work with the waterfront community and NMHF is honored to be apart of this group. We urge you to support passage of the ERA and unleash the power of positive development on the Southwest Waterfront.

Thank you.

Kevin J. Traver