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To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of Baldwin-Wallace College I would like to extend my support of the Cleveland Rowing Foundation's efforts to develop a community rowing center at the Commodores Club site on the Cuyahoga River.

The Cleveland Rowing Foundation (CRF) boathouse will beautify and increase public access to the riverfront as well as provide a long term home for the Baldwin-Wallace College crew team and other collegiate and high school rowing programs in Northeast Ohio.

At Baldwin-Wallace, crew is considered an Olympic club sport. The students who participate in it are dedicated, self-motivated and passionate about the sport. We believe the availability of crew is attractive to our current students and will also help us in recruiting prospective students, both from NE Ohio and outside the state.

A regional aquatic sports venue like the one envisioned by CRF can become an important amenity for the City of Cleveland, helping attract and retain talented young graduates of B-W and other colleges and universities. We are convinced that this cohort is attracted by vibrant urban centers with attractive green spaces and outdoor recreational options.

I am strongly supportive of CRF's efforts and believe this project will benefit the city and region, as well as Baldwin-Wallace College. We fully intend to be users of the space and will continue to lease space available for our crews, as we currently occupy space in the Boat House. I hope you'll find the means to also support this important effort.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard W. Durst".

Richard W. Durst
President
Baldwin Wallace College