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Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation 2601 Blair Stone Road Tallahassee, FL 32399

## RE: Waiver#687-R0 Supporting letter

To whom it may concern,

The project was initially designed to include a lift for vertical accessibility to the mezzanine-level restrooms. However, during construction, ownership determined that the lift was not a feasible option due to its high cost. As a result, it was decided that the mezzanine, which has an occupant load of 5, would only be open to staff and that patrons to the yoga studio would be served by the building's restrooms located just outside the unit, via the existing accessible path. These common area restrooms were specifically designed by the shell building's AOR to serve the planned tenant spaces, including the one for this project. Since the mezzanine level will no longer be open to the public, and in accordance with FBC accessibility code 201.1.1 (3), which exempts mezzanines with an occupant load of 5 or less and not open to the public from vertical accessibility requirements, we modified the plans to remove the lift and designate the existing code-compliant common restrooms for use by the establishment's patrons.

Sincerely,

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