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Councilmember Kahlow,

I am writing to express DMI's full support for the café ordinance extension through the winter. We have had a great experience coordinating with several City departments throughout the fall and most recently in a joint meeting. While there are some logical challenges regarding snow removal, heating, and public safety due to COVID-19, we believe that they are all solvable with everyone working together. Several of our Downtown businesses has expressed the desire to keep these cafes open through the winter because of their importance to their business. In addition, from a public health perspective, we need to have as many options available for people to find recreation and entertainment in outdoor settings this winter as possible. The businesses that have participated in the program this year have done an excellent job of operating the outdoor cafes according to the ordinance. They have proven their ability to create a safe, profitable, and incident-free experience. We urge you to support the ordinance extension.

Thank you!

Will Kratt  
*President of Downtown Mainstreet, Inc.*

