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April 11, 2013

Dear Neighbors,

The Kedzie Elston Business Industrial Corridor "KEBIC" has served our local manufacturing districts as a delegate agency of the City of Chicago for 17 years. In 2011, after funding cuts and diminished donations during the recession, the KEBIC Board of Directors decided; not to continue it's role as a delegate agency.

In the past two years, KEBIC's Executive Director, Mark Thomas has kept the organization functioning on his own time and at his own expense. Mark Thomas is a resident of the KEBIC service area and owns a marvelous art and music incubator building. Thomas continues to maintain KEBIC's website and sends out regular email blasts as an informational resource to local industry.

I am writing this letter at the request of Executive Director, Mark Thomas so that the community would be aware that KEBIC still provides a valuable service to the community. I thank Mark Thomas for his community spirit and ongoing service to our businesses. Feel free to contact Mark for all KEBIC related business at (773)539-0000 or by email at executivedirector@kebic.org

Respectfully,

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