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Dear Michael,

It is with pleasure and pride that I write this letter of endorsement for the University of Hartford’s Architecture program. I interact with the school and its students in three ways: as a principal of a firm whose prime focus is the City of Hartford, as a member of the Department’s Advisory Committee, and as one who serves as a reviewer of student work.

I appreciate that the Department of Architecture, like its parent institution the University of Hartford, is deeply engaged in the City of Hartford. This relationship has afforded students the opportunity to interact and grapple with the social, economic, and physical forces that shape our built environment. At the same time these students, and many later as members of area firms, have brought their talents and energy to addressing these urban issues. I also think there are many benefits of this relatively new and growing program. There is a momentum and enthusiasm generated by the fact that the quality of the student work is accelerating from project to project, year to year. I also believe that the school benefits from being part of the College of Engineering, Technology, and Architecture in that there seems to be a real focus on the problem solving aspects of the profession by engaging all three of these disciplines in the curriculum.

The Department of Architecture is an important, stimulating and welcomed resource to the Greater Hartford community.

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