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Councilmember Brooke Pinto  
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Dear Councilmember Pinto,

I am writing to express my strong support for B25-0423, the Architect and Engineer Good Samaritan Act of 2023. As a licensed architect and a member of the DC Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA|DC), I understand the critical role that architects and engineers play in ensuring public safety, particularly in the aftermath of natural or man-made disasters. **As a resident of Ward [REDACTED] I am writing to ask that you hold a hearing on this important bill.**

When disasters such as earthquakes, floods, fires, storm damage or other catastrophic events occur, the expertise of architects and engineers is vital in assessing the structural integrity of buildings and infrastructure to ensure the safety and well-being of the affected communities. However, the lack of Good Samaritan Laws in the District of Columbia for architects and engineers exposes these qualified

professionals to potential civil liability, greatly discouraging their ability to offer services during such critical times.

Earlier this year, Bill B25-0423 "Architect and Engineer Good Samaritan Act of 2023" was introduced to the Council by Councilmembers Charles Allen, Robert White, Brianne K. Nadeau, and yourself, and co-sponsored by Councilmember Vincent C. Gray. This bill addresses these liability concerns by providing legal protection to architects and engineers who voluntarily offer their expertise in emergency situations.

Currently the District is part of a small minority of states that does not have a Good Samaritan Law in place. B25-0423 provides a proactive measure that will benefit the residents of Washington, DC by ensuring they have access to the full range of expertise needed in an emergency.

**I urge you to hold a hearing on B25-0423.** Your advancement of this bill will help ensure that the residents of Washington, DC can rely on the vital assistance of architects and engineers during emergencies and significantly enhance the resilience and safety of our city during times of crisis.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter!

Sincerely,

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