



City of Fort Worth
Support of FTZ Boundary Modification Application - Mercantile Center

January 7, 2014

Mr. Andrew McGilvray
Executive Secretary
Foreign Trade Zones Board
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 21013
Washington, DC 20230

Re: Application for Boundary Modification of Foreign-Trade Zone No. 168

Dear Mr. McGilvray:

The City of Fort Worth (the “City”) is pleased to support the boundary modification of Foreign-Trade Zone (“FTZ”) No. 168 to include all property within the Mercantile Center Business Park. Together with the land owner, Mercantile Partners, LP, and the local real estate community, we are aggressively promoting international trade and investment in Fort Worth. The expansion of the zone will provide important development options for new prospects as well as current tenants.

The City and Mercantile Partners have been working together to create new international distribution related facilities and we are fully supportive of foreign-trade zone plans for the boundary modification. We also understand that activated foreign-trade zones in Fort Worth can access an ad valorem property tax exemption under Texas state law. We encourage your timely approval of this important FTZ expansion application.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Respectfully,

Tom Higgins
City Manager

Cc: FTZ 168 Grantee

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