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Ms. Susan Johnson
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Dear Susan,

I am writing to you today in regard to the proposed development of Charleston's Riverfront. I have been closely following the idea in the news media and think this is a worthwhile project that should be explored.

Across the country, cities are capitalizing on the wealth that lies along their waterways and successfully developing their riverfronts, satisfying both residents and tourists alike. Baltimore, Jacksonville, Pittsburgh, San Antonio, and even Morgantown are just a few of the cities that have experienced recent success in the development of their riverfronts. Charleston has a real opportunity to experience this same kind of economic success.

With the opening of the Clay Center and the success of the new ball park, Charleston is moving in the right direction, and as a Charlestonian, this is something I am very proud of. By utilizing all the Kanawha River has to offer, Charleston could become even more of an attractive city for people to go home. It is my hope that this riverfront idea will someday reach fruition.

Once again, Susan, thank you for all you have done on this project, including setting up a very informative website. I look forward to hearing more about this project in the future.

Sincerely,



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