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Subject: **ATTACHMENT #1** Remote Display Control Panel at Honda of America Emergency Responders Entrance

Dear Building Board of Appeals Members,

The Ann Arbor Fire Department provides first responder services to the City and the treat of physical harm to our fire fighters during these responses can be intensified depending on the type incident or hazardous materials present in the business.

In regards to the situation at Honda of America, there are many types of hazardous materials in use and stored within this facility. It is for that reason that I feel it is necessary that Honda of America install a central display control panel in their facility. This display panel will provide our first responders with an indication of the type of alarm, alarm information, and the location where the emergency is occurring so that an informed decision for controlling the emergency situation can be made quickly.

Presently at Honda, there are several small, stand-alone gas detection systems providing gas leak monitoring alarms throughout the facility. These stand-alone gas monitoring systems currently all have individual control panels located in various locations around the facility. These stand-alone panels do not provide remote alarm indication or control at a central emergency response entrance.

Pursuant to 2007 NFPA 72, Section 4.4.6.3 – Annunciator Access and Location

*All required annunciation means shall be readily accessible to responding personnel and shall be located as required by the authority having jurisdiction to facilitate an efficient response to the fire situation.*

I agree with Mr. Strong and the City of Ann Arbor Building Department that the remote display control panel should be installed at the Honda of America facility for the safety of the employees as well as responding personnel.

Respectfully submitted,

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