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Mr. Roberto Puga
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Mr. Puga:

As you know, there is a wide public support for preserving the ASARCO smokestack. It has been an identifying monument in our landscape for decades. Most El Pasoans that I speak with would like to see the smokestack preserved and made a permanent part of the redevelopment of the site.

To date, the difficulty has been that no one has stepped up to finance the preservation and long term maintenance of the ASARCO smokestack. Recently, a group of very motivated private citizens has stepped up to find the money and the mechanism to preserve the smokestack. From my perspective, the preservation of the smokestack could be possible with strong private sector leadership and funding and public sector support and funding.

I appreciate your willingness to provide a moratorium on the preservation of the smokestack for a year to allow the group to find the necessary funds and to develop the legal entity to take on the liability of the smokestack. I am continually impressed by your willingness to let the redevelopment of this site be guided by community values and priorities.

Sincerely

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