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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to express my strong support for the establishment of the Ed Reed Foundation's new safe space project, the REED HOUSE, within our community. As Police Commissioner for the Baltimore Police Department, I recognize the importance of creating safe, positive environments for young people and fully support this project.

The Ed Reed Foundation has demonstrated a longstanding commitment to Baltimore's youth and families, including more than 24 years of support for Booker T. Washington Middle School. Through that work, the Foundation has built meaningful trust and strong relationships within the Upton community.

From a public safety perspective, providing young people with safe places, positive mentors, educational opportunities, and constructive activities during out-of-school hours is extremely valuable. The REED HOUSE will help provide stability, connection, and a sense of belonging while giving youth positive opportunities to learn and grow.

Programming such as extended learning, food access with nutritional education, and wellness activities will provide valuable resources for Upton families while helping strengthen the overall community.

We believe the REED HOUSE will be an important community asset and a meaningful investment in Baltimore's youth. We are proud to support this initiative and the Ed Reed Foundation's continued commitment to the Upton community.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Worley, Jr.
Police Commissioner
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