CANAL DOCK BOATHOUSE, INC. (CDBI) a Connecticut 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Corporation

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To Whom It May Concern,

Canal Dock Boathouse, Inc. (CDBi) is pleased to provide this letter of support for Veterans' Rowing & Kayaking, Inc.

In late 2017 or early 2018, CDBi will take responsibility for operating the Canal Dock Boathouse, a \$40 million community boating facility being constructed by the City of New Haven. Our vision is to expand current access to the waterfront for kayaking, rowing, and other activities for New Haven and Greater New Haven Area communities. CDBi has expectations of supporting Veterans' Rowing & Kayaking, Inc. programs at the new facility.

CDBi and VR&K signed an MOU in early 2015, and we have worked together over the last two years. We appreciate the dedication of Paul-Stephen Varszegi, President/Founder of VRK, to creating indoor and outdoor rowing programs for Veterans with diverse needs. His efforts to establish Adaptive Sports and Recreational Therapy programs, as well as Blind/Vision Impaired Rowing programs in conjunction with the VA Healthcare System are admirable, and we hope to provide services that will contribute to their future success.

VR&K has maintained a regular indoor rowing program serving blind/vision impaired Veterans at CDBi's indoor rowing studio at Long Wharf Pier in New Haven for almost two years now. And last year, VR&K's College Military Rowing program participated in a CDBi sponsored Dragon Boat Regatta at Long Wharf Pier in New Haven, sharing several seats in a boat sponsored by two local entities. This year we hope to secure enough sponsorship funding such that VR&K can fill an entire 21-person team.

CDBi knows that VR&K needs funding to continue building programs for veterans, which includes purchasing specialized adaptive rowing & kayaking equipment, and we are particularly supportive of Paul's efforts to expand opportunities for veterans in the New Haven community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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