

**Young, Mary**

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Dear Mary:

Happy New Year to you !

I hope you had a good start...

I am very supportive of the text amendments you drafted, as allowing second floor retail and tenants larger than 10,000 SF would only add flexibility to the commercial market in these already very difficult times for retailers.

It makes sense to allow retail on upper floors if restaurant use is already allowed, as retail in general is a less intense use. Retail on an upper floor, even if not particularly common, would probably add more financial benefit to owners that may now be only limited to taking office tenants that pay lower rents.

Stay well,

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