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**Re: Support for Proposed Affordable Housing Development at Holley Block**

Dear Ms. Conroy:

Access to housing is a powerful determinant of health, and a source of both comfort and anxiety. This is reflected in stories I hear regularly from constituents: the young woman with a local job she loves who can't afford to stay in her hometown; the resident on the verge of losing her home of decades because of rising rents, who can find nowhere else to go; the parent bursting with excitement because a daughter was moving into new affordable housing in their town.

The need for additional affordable housing options is also articulated by schools, businesses, and nonprofits, whose employees often cannot afford to live in the town where they work, and end up commuting long distances, which presents challenges to both them and their employers. All of this is why our town leaders adopted the Salisbury Affordable Housing Plan in 2018, naming seven properties which would be necessary to meet the town's housing goals. It's why, in June of 2018, Salisbury voters decided by a margin of 236 to 65 to move forward on one of those properties, constructing a building with 12-18 affordable rental units on the Holley Block property. The Salisbury Housing Committee has been diligent and responsive in moving that initiative forward, detailing plans and adjusting both the design and the scale of the Holley Block project in response to input from residents at multiple public meetings.

I support the thoughtful and appropriate plan for the Holley Block property, a project that will make our town a better place for all of us to live. Thank you for your consideration of this important proposal.

Best regards,

Maria Horn

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