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15 Birch Hill Rd.
Temple, NH 03084

Zoning Board of Adjustment Attention: John Kieley, Chair Temple Town Offices Temple, NH 03084

Re: Stepping Stones Farm and Event Center

Dear John,

I'm writing in support of our Temple resident, Boo Martin's, application for a zoning special exception to operate the Stepping Stones Farm & Event Center ("Stepping Stones") off Webster Highway.

I believe the new operation meets the zoning criteria and should be approved.

I own two businesses that I operate in Temple, one a consulting business focused on writing and content (under my own name) and the other a company called She Built This, which is a community of 1400+ female entrepreneurs who are looking forward to gathering at her venue for events, special occasions, and retreats.

My two local small businesses are anticipating being positively affected by being able to offer events at this location.

I also believe that Stepping Stones Farm & Event Center will further economic growth in our town and enrich our community, as people also dine at surrounding restaurants, and support the General Store. The property values can be expected to increase, as she works hard to be a sought after location in our great state with a well-maintained property. Furthermore, the farm will create new job opportunities for those who want to work locally, attracting a younger subset of workers and keeping people in this region as they can earn a living here.

The farm is one of few local places that bring people together in this way and with a powerful mission, offers a much-welcomed sense of community to our region as a place created to gather with purpose and intention.

Lastly, I want to share how impressed I have been with Boo throughout this entire process. She is not only a community leader, she is also extremely mindful and non-judgemental, and one of the most inclusive people I have ever met. I believe that is the nature of our town. Somewhere you can come to and seek the respite to "be yourself". This farm has been in her family for many years, preserving the legacy of hospitality. The care she takes for all who walk through her door is simply unmatched. It is a great honor for the town of Temple to be the home of this farm, operated by the current owner for 50 years.

Most sincerely,

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