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Lisa A. Douglas, Director of Planning & Zoning  
Manheim Township  
1840 Municipal Drive  
Lancaster, PA 17601

RE: Support for the “Oregon Village” Application

Dear Ms. Douglas,

I am writing to express the Lancaster Chamber’s support for the Oregon Village development project.

As a business organization representing nearly 1,600 businesses in the County, we feel that Oregon Village represents an opportunity to provide housing, improve traffic flow and create an appropriate density that is aligned with tenets outlined in Places2040, the County Comprehensive Plan that the Chamber Board unanimously endorsed in December, 2018.

Further, the project comes from a developer that has earned our trust as a long-time farm operator and proprietor of Oregon Dairy. They have continually demonstrated that they are good stewards in this community – from practicing responsible farming to leading on the farm-to-table movement. This plan is no different as they are proposing a plan that calls for housing that will help to meet workforce needs in our community while staying consistent with the goals of the County Comprehensive plan.

The proposed Village will also offer residents walkability, trails, greenways and open space that will provide access to dining, shopping, recreation and potential employment. These types of amenities are crucial to attract talent to our community and provide for an appealing quality of life.

In summary, the Lancaster Chamber supports the development of Oregon Village as a great example of how mixed-use development can occur within identified growth boundaries.

Sincerely,

Thomas T. Baldrige  
President & CEO  
Lancaster Chamber