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To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of Dwelling Place, I am pleased to provide this letter of support to Wormies Vermicompost Farm as it pursues a continued lease at 1364 Maplewood Drive. As an affordable housing provider that has a community gardening program at 19 of our peroperties, we are committed to collaborating with Wormies to develop their vision for community-based composting and healthy local soil in the greater Grand Rapids area.

I understand the barriers to land access for farmers as well as healthy food for those less fortunate in our community. I believe Luis will strive to partner and collaborate in effective ways with others in the community by diverting food scraps from hundreds of households to make healthy compost, providing support to many community garden and area farms, and educating others in the best practices of soil health and sustainable agriculture.

I met Luis several years ago as he was developing his business. He is energetic, passionate and caring for the community. It has been exciting to watch Wormies grow and expand. Dwelling Place is hoping to support more of our community gardens and allow them to participate in composting. Wormies has provided an excellent opportunity for our residents to be educated about the benefits of composting and get started.

Wormies is a fantastic startup business and Luis is an excellent leader. I can see that this community partnership is essential for the sustainability of the farmland and for the betterment of Jenison and greater Grand Rapids. I am eager to see Wormies Vermicompost be able to continue their growth and expansion in the area.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions and I would be happy to share my enthusiasm for Wormies and hopes for their impact in the region.

Sincerely,

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