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To the Ann Arbor City Planning Commission and City Council,

I am writing to express my full support for the updated Ann Arbor Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The proposed framework provides a necessary, data-driven approach to modernizing our city's land use policies for 2050, specifically regarding our housing supply.

I strongly support the plan's allowance for "gentle density" across residential neighborhoods. Replacing strict single-family zoning with allowances for incremental in-growth—such as duplexes, triplexes, and fourplexes—is the most effective way to address the local housing shortage.

My wife, Christine, and I want our daughter, Mae, to grow up in a vibrant, inclusive Ann Arbor where she can actually afford to live as an adult. The current trajectory of housing costs risks pricing out future generations, but introducing a wider variety of housing types ensures our community remains accessible. This plan gives us confidence that the city is proactively building an equitable environment for our family's future.

I urge the Commission and Council to adopt the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and its density and sustainability provisions.

Sincerely,
Jeff Withington