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Dear Members of the Ann Arbor Planning Commission,

I'm writing to strongly support the new Comprehensive Land Use Plan and its focus on addressing housing insecurity and affordability. Housing instability is a national crisis, and yet it is often at the city level where we have a real chance to do something about it.

One of the best ways to make housing more affordable is to build more of it. Increasing supply, even if it is not explicitly "affordable" housing, helps keep prices from spiraling upward—something we're already seeing in Ann Arbor. New developments also contribute to Ann Arbor's affordable housing fund, which can be used to help those most at risk of displacement.

I encourage you to take bold steps to increase housing options, whether by allowing more density throughout the city or supporting innovative housing types. These measures will help keep Ann Arbor diverse, vibrant, and welcoming for all. Thank you for your leadership and for using this comprehensive plan to address one of the most pressing issues facing our community.

Sincerely,
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