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Dear Mr. Korinek:

The Area Agency on Aging 1-B (AAA 1-B) is pleased to learn that you are working to develop an independent senior living community at 3365 Jackson Road in Ann Arbor, and that many of the units will be made affordable at below market rents for lower income seniors. The limited availability of affordable senior housing is one of the greatest threats to continued independent living for many older Ann Arbor residents who wish to remain living in their community.

The demand for a senior living community with the amenities you plan to provide is going to increase at least through 2045, for a senior population in Washtenaw county that is increasing by over three percent every year. By 2040 there will be enough Washtenaw County seniors to fill Michigan Stadium. Amenities like on site shuttle bus service, on site home care, space for physician and other health related services, etc., are exactly what is needed by seniors who are looking for alternative housing options as they seek a setting that will allow them to age in place.

Independent living facilities with available supportive services are becoming increasingly important as the number of seniors grow and the population of available family caregivers decreases. In 2010 there were 9 caregiver age individuals in Washtenaw county for every older adult of care recipient age; in 2018 there are only 7.5 caregiver age individuals to 1; and by 2030 the ratio will shrink to 3.7 to 1. For these reasons, the AAA 1-B urges local officials and residents to support your plans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Jim McGuire'.

Jim McGuire
Director of Research, Policy Development and Advocacy

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cc: Matt Kowalski