**Input Date**

Michael G. Wong

Executive Director, Harrisonburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority

286 Kelley Street

Harrisonburg, VA 22802

Re: Bluestone Town Center housing

Dear Mr. Wong:

I am writing in favor of the affordable workforce housing development at Bluestone Town Center on Erickson Avenue and Garber’s Church Road in Harrisonburg City. I fully support the Harrisonburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority’s efforts to bring affordable housing, housing for the elderly with supportive services, and workforce housing to our community.

Harrisonburg City is very much in need of homes that are affordable for teachers, police officers, fire fighters, and other civil servants who are priced out of the current market. We are already at least 1,256 units short of meeting current housing demand. Top employers are having trouble recruiting workers because of the local lack of both rental and for sale housing. **[Supporters can insert own example here]** Bluestone Town Center also will generate increased real estate tax revenue for the city.

We need to House Harrisonburg Now, and support housing for all. We need to be the Friendly City for all. [**I am/We are]** happy to support the Authority as it expands critical housing options in our community. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,