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Dear Commissioners of the Norfolk Zoning Commission,

Please accept our support for the Manor House Inn in Norfolk Connecticut. The NW CT Chamber of Commerce became acquainted with Rachel Roth and her colleagues at a Business After Hours hosted by Rachel at this venue last fall. What a wonderful evening! Colleagues were highly impressed by what appears to be a hidden gem.

Since that meeting, I have had the opportunity to listen to the plans for this unique location and firmly believe it will serve as an asset to your community. Statistics show that this region is Number Two in Connecticut as a tourist destination. In fact, it taps into the strong arts and culture trends emerging throughout northwest Connecticut and beyond. In order to maintain this distinction, we believe that the Manor House Inn fits the bill completely. Listed below are some interesting and important factors:

It would be the first wellness spa of its kind in the tri-state area.

Tourists on a year-round basis would certainly add high value to this important industry and to the vitality of Norfolk.

Existing local businesses would benefit from the increased visitor traffic that would be open year-round.

Its peaceful, service- oriented existence would help to provide an anchor business in Norfolk while preserving a historic property and supporting conservation.

Employment opportunities would increase.

Since the facility is Green Lodging Certified by DEEP, visitors would be drawn to its eco-consciousness.

Thank you for listening to my reference. Please let me know if you have any questions. We look forward to supporting Manor House Inn with your positive decision.

Sincerely,

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