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Attn: Board of Zoning
Town of Plainfield
206 W. Main Street
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To: The Town of Plainfield Zoning Board

We are writing to you to express our full support of Family Promise of Hendricks County as they seek approval for a zoning variance on the Hope United Presbyterian Church property located at 1331 Section Street in Plainfield. While our congregation is deeply saddened at the closing of the Hope United Presbyterian Church, we believe that Family Promise would be an appropriate and much needed way to carry on their legacy of Jesus' call to "love your neighbor as yourself."

Members of Plainfield Friends Meeting/Church (105 S. East St., Plainfield), along with Western Yearly Meeting of Friends Church (203 S. East St., Plainfield), have had the joy of supporting Family Promise over the last several years by opening our doors to families to live here for a week at a time on a rotating schedule alongside other area churches. We were also blessed to be able to offer a safe residential location, as needed, for homeless families facing quarantine during the Covid-19 pandemic, and we continue to support the needs of Family Promise's Resource Center. Our congregation has also been able to connect on a more individual level with a few of the many people who have received services from Family Promise.

One of our church members, Chase Slaughter, is a member of the Family Promise of Hendricks County Board, and at least two families in our congregation reside within a two-block radius of the proposed site for relocation.

Some members of our congregation have attended the community meetings offered at Hope United Presbyterian Church, and we saw that there was obvious concern among some folks about how the proposed relocation of this Resource Center may affect the surrounding neighborhood.

Family Promise has demonstrated over the last few years that they are a vital resource in our community, and are already working alongside area family social services, religious organizations (the Plainfield Federation of Churches), governmental and safety organizations to provide hope, safety, and stability to residents of Plainfield and Hendricks County, and to get families into housing, help them find jobs and transportation, any needed training, and provide child care and other resources that enable families to once again become independent and healthy.

We sincerely hope that you will see the significance of what Family Promise offers to the Town of Plainfield, a Community of Values. We believe Family Promise has been a good neighbor to our community and will continue to be. We thank you for your consideration of our letter and our request to approve the needed zoning changes.

Kindest Regards,

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