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Newmarket Planning Board c/o Bart McDonough, Director of Planning & Community Development 186 Main Street Newmarket, NH 03857

RE: Support for New Senior Housing Project in Newmarket NH

Dear Mr. McDonough,

I was very excited to hear about the new age-restricted apartment building that D. R. Lemieux Builders has planned for construction at 242 South Main Street in Newmarket, NH.

The Newmarket Housing Authority currently has a waiting list of 5-7 years for Public Housing and 7-10 years for Section 8 Rental Assistance. We have 50 apartments at Ernest A. Clark Terrace and 75 Section 8 voucher holders. Of the 50 apartments at Ernest A. Clark Terrace, only 12 of them are 1-bedroom apartments and only 3 of them are handicap accessible. We currently have a total of approximately 200 people on our waiting list. Of those 200 applicants, there are 52 Elderly/Disabled applicants and 10 veterans waiting for assistance. The need for assistance in Newmarket for affordable housing cannot be overstated and on behalf of the Newmarket Housing Authority and the Board of Commissioners, we enthusiastically support this effort.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Respectfully,

Barbara Hall, Executive Director

