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George Barrett, Chairman Planning Board 54 Marion Road Wareham, MA 02571

## Dear Chairman Barrett:

Wareham is a vibrant town where people want to raise kids and be part of the community. Smart development would allow us to retain that vibrancy by leveraging private investment to create jobs and generate new tax revenues to support essential services and new capital projects for the community. That's why I am supporting the zoning change proposed for the R-130 district north of Route 25.

Current zoning would allow massive residential housing to be built on the site, the kind of development that drains rather than fills municipal coffers. The proposed zoning change would allow for commercial development, which does the opposite. The change would not commit the town to any one project. It simply expands the development options that the town could consider.

Residents of Wareham have invested in their homes and the community. We should protect that investment by enabling and encouraging smart growth that works for the town. This zoning change would provide us with that option.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Sincerely,

Laura Bergeron