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April 20, 2026

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to endorse my full support for Heather & Brad Bass to be approved, to buy a property in Blue Earth County. This property would be converted to an assisted living facility. This project will allow up to 60 units with studio suites, in this community where housing for older adults is greatly needed.

In addition, there is a need for waived services in Blue Earth County and Bridgewater Assisted Living (owned by Heather & Brad Bass) currently provides services to clients in Blue Earth County.

Brad and Heather Bass have provided service services for Blue Earth County since 1997, starting with their adult day center. The Bass' have also provided corporate foster care services and numerous assisted livings options for low income community members.

Please consider approving this conditional use permit as the residents of Blue Earth County need more housing options. The Bass' have been long standing partners in this community, with a particular focus on serving low income residents. This facility is needed to increase the housing problems in the community.

Sincerely,

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April 22, 2026

To Whom it May Concern:

This letter is written in support of Bridgewater of Mankato expanding their operations by purchasing property in Mankato. Bridgewater currently provides assisted living services to low income, disabled individuals in Blue Earth County. Assisted living services continue to be vital for individuals we support in Blue Earth County and an increase in need is projected as we see increases in individuals with disabilities needing supported living settings. The number of individuals with disabilities who need supported living settings exceeds the current available settings. Bridgewater has demonstrated their commitment to providing person-centered care for the individuals they support. Blue Earth County has appreciated Bridgewater's ability to provide these important services to our population and to express interest in expanding their services in Mankato.

Sincerely,

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