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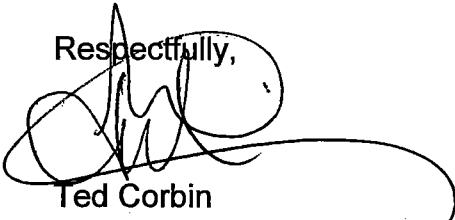
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To Whom It May Concern:

It has come to the attention of the Springfield Historic Commission that some of the proposed language in the Springfield 2030 Refinement Plan may affect future housing density and alter the balance of residential and commercially zoned lots within the Washburne Historic District (registered with the National Register of Historic Places). At our February 9th, 2010 meeting, the Commission reaffirmed their preference for the current LDR designations in contrast to any possibility of adding MDR to the Washburne District. After all, as recently as 2002, a lengthy planning debate prohibited Accessory Dwelling Units within the Washburne and MDR would have many similar effects.

In the section of the 2030 Plan discussing "key development areas of the City" (A-38 to A-40), it appears that the proposed language regarding "Established Single Family Neighborhoods" suggests that district plans and neighborhood refinement plans will be considered during future land uses change discussions. However, our Commission believes the Washburne Historic District deserves stronger protection within any Springfield 2030 Refinement Plan adopted by your body. Please, please consider the historic importance of, and commensurately appropriate densities and activities within the Washburne as you build the 2030 Plan to guide Springfield's next 20 years.

Respectfully,



Ted Corbin
Chair, Springfield Historic Commission