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Dear members of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors,

Thank you for the dedicated support you have shown for Waterford and Western Loudoun over the years. We are appreciative of your efforts and are hopeful that this support will extend to the issue of power lines in both Eastern and Western Loudoun.

As you consider the current issues facing the Landsdowne community regarding proposed power lines, please know that the Foundation fully supports their efforts. On behalf of The Waterford Foundation Board of Directors, we ask that the Board of Supervisors take action to protect the County, all County residents, and County businesses who will be negatively affected by these power lines and substations. We would hope that you would take an active role in every legal and administrative process available to the Board of Supervisors to make sure that citizens' and businesses' voices are heard and that the County's interests are protected.

Both Eastern and Western Loudoun are under threat, especially now that Nextera has applied to have the MARL project considered a National Interest Transmission Line. If Loudoun is to remain a desirable place to live and do business with a balanced and diverse economy, the Board will need to be forceful and innovative in advocating for pathways that utilize only existing rights of way. The Board should look at all available alternatives and possible actions to prevent the destruction of our quality of life and sense of place.

We ask that you act to protect the scenic, historic, economic, and environmental assets that make Loudoun a desirable place to live, work, and play.

Sincerely yours,

Susan Manch

President, Waterford Foundation Board of Directors