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To Whom It May Concern:

As required by the Community Preservation Act of the Commonwealth, I am submitting this letter.

I first became involved with the Soule Education Center approximately 12 years ago when I responded to an article in our local newspaper, the Middleboro Gazette, about a quilting workshop. An avid quilter, I signed up, thus beginning a continuous working relationship that remains in effect to this day and shows no signs of ending.

The Soule Homestead has not only addressed the needs of the Town of Middleboro but also those of the surrounding communities in many ways, but first and foremost by educating participants, both adults and children, in the "lay of the land". This objective includes a variety of different activities: Quilting, rug making, chair caning & weaving, basket weaving, cheese making, introduction to animal and bird life, with many activities tailored to the abilities and interests of both children and adults.

Many have become almost lost arts in today's society, and the Homestead is dedicated to their preservation, drawing on the enthusiasm of its members in passing them on.

My own participation in the quilting workshop has grown and I now lead a monthly Saturday class throughout the year for a variety of students including beginners. I have also participated at basket weaving, the evening owl prowl (a big hit with everyone), sheep day, the children's summer school vacation activities (which I brought my grandchildren to), the annual Harvest Fair. I have volunteered for many years in numerous activities at the Education Center and not only found them rewarding for myself but heard similar stories from others in the active over 55 community I live in

My grandchildren always went home with many stories of what is best for our "earth", bringing with them the many products of their activities.