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To whom it may concern,

Christine Farren has requested a Special Use Permit to help create a nurturing and healing environment for caregivers. She would like to share her property at 4443 West Lake Rd. with caregivers needing some respite.

I hope the Town of Canandaigua will consider this request. Our senior population (many who are or will become caregivers) in Ontario County and the surrounding area, continues to grow along with the many housing developments under construction.

Changes in our economy, health system (insurance and medical coverage) have adversely affected many individuals. It is a fact that many seniors live on a fixed income. Affordable placement options, are limited by financial constraints for some individuals needing specialized care or supervision. There is an increase in the number of spouses/family members wanting or having to assume the responsibility of caregiving. This role is often a stressful, demanding 24/7 situation, many times resulting in burnout and illness for the caregiver. It is also known that caregivers often do not take time to properly care for themselves. Many caregivers even when exhausted will choose to remain home, continuing to try and manage their loved one's needs. Planning a trip away is usually not a feasible option and they are often afraid, of leaving their loved one in someone else's care for a matter of days. Providing a chance for a peaceful getaway on West Lake Rd., would offer caregivers an opportunity close to home, to get some respite thus helping to maintain their health and renew and refresh them for another day of caregiving.

Please consider the widespread benefits that granting this Special Use Permit would provide. This home would be an asset to our community, the many current caregivers, the future caregivers and their families residing in our demographic area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Suzanne Underhill RN, Executive Director
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