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RE: ---Community Garden Name---

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the American Community Gardening Association (ACGA), its members, and staff, I would like to encourage you to think seriously about supporting ---Community Garden Name---, a community garden in *your* city. It is estimated that there are more than 20,000 community gardens in existence throughout the United States and Canada and ---Community Garden Name--- is one of a growing movement of gardens working to improve its local food economy, the health and welfare of residents in its community, and the greening of your city.

Statistics indicate that every bite of food the average citizen consumes today has traveled more than 1,500 miles to get to that fork. Fuel "bathes every bite of food" we consume. Community gardening, on the other hand, shortens the distance between the vine and the table and ensures that nutrient-rich foods are consumed at and from the local food table. Your support of ---Community Garden Name--- ensures, not only an enriched local food table but a more secure national one too.

The American Community Gardening Association (ACGA) is a bi-national nonprofit membership organization of professionals, volunteers and supporters of community greening in urban and rural communities. ACGA has been in existence for more than twenty-five years and represents thousands of community gardens. Members of ACGA believe that community gardening improves the quality of life for people by providing a catalyst for neighborhood and community development, stimulating social interaction, encouraging self-reliance, beautifying neighborhoods, producing nutritious food, reducing family food budgets, conserving resources and creating opportunities for recreation, exercise, therapy and education. We educate community gardeners by forming a conduit through which information flows about technical and organizational aspects of community gardening. And we advocate on our members' behalf with national, regional, and local entities to expand and enhance community gardens and community greening. ACGA is a leader in community gardening and greening in Canada and the United States.

Please seriously consider supporting ---Community Garden Name---. They are a central asset in a growing movement to bring healthy nutritious food into the community, educate the next generation in self-sufficiency, and provide beneficial physical and mental well being to the residents surrounding the garden. We encourage you to think of ---Community Garden Name--- as your partner and that both of you are working towards a sustainable local food economy.

Thank you, again, for your support of ---Community Garden Name---.

Sincerely,

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James Kuhns
President

American Community Gardening Association

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