



December 28, 2023

RE: Haven for Special People

To whom this may concern:

I am writing on behalf of Aptiv, Inc. to support and endorse Haven for Special People and their vision of developing Haven on Main in La Crosse

Aptiv, established in 1977 as Riverfront Inc., is a non-profit with over 40 years of experience working alongside children and adults with disabilities to provide a spectrum of innovative support through programs and services so they may live more independent lives. We have provided a variety of residential support services throughout our history and we currently support more than 20 adults with disabilities to live in their own homes in the community of La Crosse, and we also provide 24/7 support services for 8 individuals who reside in licensed Adult Family Homes that we operate in La Crosse and Onalaska.

One of the biggest issues we face as an organization, and as an industry, is the lack of affordable and accessible housing for people with disabilities who would like to live more independently in the community. This lack of affordable and accessible housing forces people with disabilities to live in settings where they're not able to be achieve their dreams of being more independent and becoming more integrated members of their community. In some cases it also forces people with disabilities to continue to live with parents or other family members well into adulthood.

Haven on Main would provide desperately needed housing options for people with disabilities in La Crosse in a way that would accommodate their needs for accessibility, and would also provide an opportunity for them to be valued neighbors and community members.

Sincerely,

Jenny Felty, Aptiv President & CEO