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RE: Support Letter Highland Bridge Items 5-14-25 HRA & City Council

Dear HRA Chair Johnson, Council President Noecker and City Council Members,

As the largest retail tenant at Highland Bridge, Lunds & Byerlys is writing to express our strong support for the proposed Highland Bridge development items scheduled for consideration at the upcoming Housing and Redevelopment Authority and City Council meetings.

These proposed actions are essential to advancing a vibrant, mixed-use community that benefits residents, businesses, and the broader neighborhood. Continued development at Highland Bridge directly contributes to a healthy retail environment and supports the long-term success of existing tenants like us by bringing more customers, energy, and complementary uses to the area.

We respectfully urge you to support these development items and continue championing progress that encourages neighborhood vitality, economic opportunity, and smart, integrated development in our City. Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Mitch Avery

Chief Development and Administrative Officer