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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Philippe Carroll, I am co-owner of Young Urban Homesteaders in Fort Wayne, IN. We are in our seventh year of growing, manufacturing, and serving foods in the region.

As we've grown and developed over the years, we've seen a lot of new players come into the field: farmers, food entrepreneurs, and restaurateurs. The one that has been there through it all is Heartland Communities. As we have more and more players getting involved it becomes that much more important to find a way to bring them together into an integrated food system and educate in the ways of regenerative agriculture.

I fully support Heartland Communities vision 2050 "Greater Fort Wayne Area Regenerative Food System" project and I look forward to the opportunity to participate in the project, both as an individual community member and as a business.

My heartfelt gratitude goes out to Heartland Communities for their determination and persistence, continually working to provide opportunities and strengthen our community. Gratitude also to the Food System Vision Prize for the resources being put towards projects like this.

Respectfully,

Philippe Carroll
Co-Owner
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