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To Whom It May Concern,

As Principal of our local school in Cooper Landing, I am honored to lend my wholehearted support to the Cooper Landing Walkable Community Project. The safety and well-being of our students, families, and staff are my highest priorities, and this initiative represents a critical step toward ensuring these values are realized in our community.

For many years, the lack of safe pedestrian routes along the Sterling Highway has been a concern for school families and residents alike. There have been times when walking to school, the post office, or even visiting friends has felt risky due to high traffic speeds, narrow shoulders, and inadequate crossing points. The proposed separated multi-use paths would finally provide children, parents, and staff with a secure way to walk and bike to school and participate more fully in community life. These improvements also promote healthy habits and an active lifestyle for our youth, which is foundational to their success both in and out of the classroom.

The Walkable Community Project's vision aligns perfectly with our school's desire to nurture safe, vibrant, and connected learning environments. As an educator, I am especially encouraged by the intentional focus on cross-agency cooperation and community engagement. By creating accessible pedestrian facilities, incorporating educational signage, and enhancing gateway features, this initiative will undoubtedly strengthen the ties that bind our school and community while supporting the social and emotional development of our students.

On behalf of our school, I respectfully urge policymakers and funding bodies to prioritize and accelerate support for the Cooper Landing Walkable Community Project. It is not only an investment in infrastructure—it is an investment in the safety, health, and future of our children.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Cindy McKibben

Principal, Cooper Landing School