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Arnold Rosenblatt, Chair
Planning Board
Town of Amherst
Town Hall, Amherst, NH 03031

Re: TransFarmations, Inc. (Applicant), 17 Christian Hill Road, Conditional Use
Permits. Cases #: PZ17123-032323 and PZ17124-032323

Mr. Rosenblatt:

We reside at 9 Foundry Street. We have followed the above-captioned applications for developments on Christian Hill Road with interest, given both our proximity to the site and the impact that the development would have on the entire Town and the Historic Village in particular.

Regional Impact Notification under RSA 36:54

At the Planning Board meeting on June 18, 2025, Sam Foisie of Meridian Land Services, speaking for the Applicant, stated that the time period for construction of the project “would likely be 3-8 years, with an average of five years based upon market conditions and the phasing implemented by the Board.” In light of that statement, we believe that the Planning Board is compelled to advise neighboring towns that this development is one of “regional impact” under RSA 36:54. A considerable amount of the traffic on Christian Hill Road originates in towns to the west and northwest of Amherst (e.g., Milford, Lyndeborough, Mont Vernon, and New Boston). Christian Hill Road is a “back road” to avoid the more heavily trafficked roads to connect with Routes 122, 101A, and, ultimately, 3 for drivers in these towns. Construction traffic from the development for this extended multiple-year period could very well constitute an impediment to these drivers and alter and impact traffic routines to the adverse interests of affected towns. This information has not been in the record for these applications prior to Mr. Foisie’s statement and,

consequently, could not have been part of any consideration by any Town previously having received notification under RSA 36:54.

Applicant's Wherewithal to Bring the Project to Satisfactory Conclusion

Has the Planning Board or any Town official contacted other towns where the Applicant had development projects (ie., Northampton and Sudbury, MA) and learned what those towns experienced in dealing with the Applicant and if there was any aftermath impact on the towns? Is the Planning Board satisfied that the record indicates the Applicant has the wherewithal to bring its development plans to a successful end in a way that is in the interest of the Town?

We ask that this letter be placed in the formal record of these applications.

Sincerely,

s/ RDW

Robert D. Williams

s/BBW

Barbara Bruce Williams

cc: Ms. Kristy Jobin, Community Development Director