



May 12, 2022

To: City of Eau Claire Plan Commission, City Council

Re: Stewart/Hauge Annexation

We are writing in support of the proposed Stewart/Hauge Annexation of territory currently in the Town of Washington.

The Eau Claire Area Chamber of Commerce has served our community since 1915 as the advocate of business. We have 1,100 investor organizations who employ more than 45,000 individuals throughout the Eau Claire area. We work to represent the business community as a champion of a strong local and regional economy.

Among the most significant current challenges for our local economy are workforce development and housing supply. These issues are closely tied together because housing supply impacts the ability to meet the needs of a growing population, as well as affordability for all individuals and families.

This annexation is a first step towards the development of additional housing supply in our community. This will help address the housing shortage while providing benefits for everyone towards attainability and affordability. It also has the advantage of providing for the availability of city utilities and other services to appropriately support its development.

We respectfully encourage an affirmative vote on this proposed annexation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Hoffmann".

Scott Hoffmann
CEO, WIN Technology
Chair, Chamber Board of Directors

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David W. Minor".

David W. Minor
President & CEO
Eau Claire Area Chamber of Commerce

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