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Dear Commissioners,

As residents of northern Miami County, We would like to communicate our **strong support for incorporating as Golden Kansas**. We cannot express to you enough how important this issue has become for all of us who live in the area. We are aware that there are some complications that come with incorporating, however, in this particular case, the long and short-term benefits to Miami County and its residents far outweigh those potential complications. While it does stand to reason that many of us moved to this region to avoid city-based restrictions, there comes a point where, for the development of the county and for the greater good, we must all make sacrifices. In this case, we are sacrificing some of the freedoms that come from being unincorporated in deference to other freedoms which are being threatened if we do not incorporate.

We have heard from one person, who does not live in Golden, who said that incorporating would block Miami County's ability to develop the area in the future. What this argument fails to realize is that incorporating as Golden IS DEVELOPMENT! Not only that, but it is a very appropriate step in development. A step that respects the land, the people who live here and the surrounding communities. It's the best kind of development! **The new city will make the area even more attractive to current and future home owners and potential developers**, who will work with the new city to develop the area in mutually beneficial ways rather than in ways that divide, anger and alienate the citizens.

Incorporating as Golden will make northern Miami County a desirable haven for country living, particularly when contrasted against the chaos that is being inflicted on southern Johnson County by the city of Edgerton and the business practices of North Point. If Miami County seeks development of its northern region in ways that are a fit for the area, the lake, its neighbors, and doesn't destroy the value of what already exists, the county would do well to allow the Golden incorporation.

We sincerely hope all of you will do the right thing, and vote IN SUPPORT of Golden incorporation, it's residents and the property values of Northern Miami County.

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