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Board of Selectmen
Ridgefield, Conn.

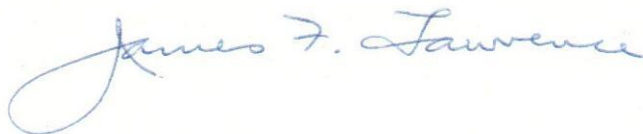
Gentlemen:

I was very glad indeed to hear recently that approximately 50 acres of land which I had at one time owned on the Ridgebury Road had been conveyed by Hans Kraus to the Town of Ridgefield. I have long hoped that this particular piece of property would ultimately be available for some form of "open space" type of use by the Ridgefield community. You will recall that when I owned the property I actually gave the Town of Ridgefield an option to buy it but it proved impossible for the town to finance taking up that option.

Because of that background, I was sympathetic to selling the property, as I ultimately did, to Mr. Kraus since I was advised that it was also his hope that the town would eventually be able to acquire it. Thus, you will, I am sure, appreciate my pleasure that this plan is now coming to fruition and I would like to express my pleasure by making a contribution of the enclosed check for \$3,500 toward the cost of either acquiring or improving the property so that it can be of use to the Ridgefield community.

I think you should know that the idea of such a contribution was first suggested by your colleague Mr. Montanari. I want to give him full credit for what I regard as an excellent thought and I am sure that you will wish to do so too.

Very truly yours,



James F. Lawrence/vh
Enclosure
cc: Mr. Montanari