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Michael Kenyon, President
Forest Preserve District of Kane County
1996 S. Kirk Road
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Dear Mike:

I support the referendum for the Kane County Forest Preserve District's land acquisitions. The forest preserves are an open space legacy that require the purchase of land before development. It takes a long term view to see the value of these open spaces for future generations.

Elgin received gifts of land for Lords and Wing Parks in the late 1800's. The families that made the donations believed that those properties on the outskirts of Elgin would someday become parks surrounded by the city that would be enjoyed by thousands of visitors each year.

We as taxpayers have to share the vision of the Forest Preserve District to provide open space, walking trails, and picnic and play areas that will increase recreational opportunities for Elgin residents, by supporting the purchase of the land and its preservation.

Sincerely,

David J. Kaptain
Mayor