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Dear Executive Constantine and Councilman McDermott:

I would like to offer the support of the board and staff of the Vashon-Maury Island Land Trust, as well as that of our 600 member families, for the proposed land exchange that will protect and restore the Mukai Barreling Plant and property.

I have been working behind the scenes to advise the Friends of Mukai on this proposed exchange, so I am very pleased to see that this idea has come to fruition. This is arguably the most important historic structure on Vashon – making conservation of the site and structure an important goal both locally and across the country.

Recent news brings the memory of Japanese internment to the forefront of our national conversation. This site will help to keep that history alive. Now more than ever, we see the role of history in moving our country forward.

I very much appreciate all you do for Vashon, and I encourage you to support this proposal.

Best Regards

Tom Dean
Executive Director

